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Cabinet moves to end speculation

Major says no to referendum over Europe

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

THE cabinet yesterday resigned itself to confrontation with Margaret Thatcher over the European Community as it agreed that there should be no referendum either after the Maastricht summit or in the future if a single currency were to be adopted.

The first sign of the hardened ministerial line emerged on the second day of the Commons debate when Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, flung back at Mrs Thatcher her words condemning a referendum on Britain's continued membership of the European Common Market in 1975.

The cabinet now accepts that no deal ministers are likely to bring back from Maastricht will satisfy Mrs Thatcher. Ministers have framed future tactics on that basis.

The former prime minister has let it be known that she *will repeat her call for a* referendum after the summit if she concludes that the clause allowing Britain to opt out of a single currency is worthless. As the likelihood of a Tory split after Maastricht grew Mrs Thatcher underlined her support for a referendum in an unprecedented clash in the Commons with Edward Heath. He, too, reminded her of her 1975 opposition.

She intervened to say that she had inherited the position from him and had "loyally upheld it". She added: "It looks to me as if the three parties are going to be for a single currency, sacrificing a great deal of the work that has previously been the right of parliament. How are the people to make their views known?"

The cabinet yesterday unanimously backed Mr Major in ruling out any referendum on a new European union treaty arising from the Maastricht summit. It also backed the view he expressed in the Commons that there was no case for one either at the point of entry to a single currency. Ministers know they cannot bind a future parliament but cannot conceive of the present *cabinet changing its mind.*

After a Downing Street wobble on Wednesday night, Mrs Thatcher's intervention has succeeded within 24 hours in hardening the government's line against a referendum to the point where its concession is inconceivable so long as Mr Major is in office.

After her speech on Wednesday urging ministers to "let the people speak" Downing Street concluded that she had been arguing for a referendum at the point in *1996* or later when the EC countries had to decide whether to set up a single currency. On that basis, after talks between Mr Major and his advisers, it was decided that an escape hatch *could be left open to placate* Conservative Euro-sceptics.

Downing Street sources emphasised that while there was no referendum planned on any Maastricht package, no parliament could bind its successor and the next parliament might decide at some point it wanted a referendum on the lines indicated by Mrs Thatcher, especially if all three main parties had gone into the election backing greater European integration. If feeling proved sufficiently strong, it was suggested, the prime minister would not necessarily stand in the way.

Two developments then wrecked the hastily approved tactics. Mrs Thatcher's friends indicated that it was not a referendum in 1996 she was talking about but an early referendum on the Maastricht deal. Labour, getting wind of what was going on, put it about that "the backseat driver had seized the wheel".

The government appeared to have crumbled within hours in the face of pressure from Mrs Thatcher. Mr Major, who had rejected a referendum unequivocally on Tuesday, met senior colleagues on Wednesday night. Then at yesterday's cabinet all ministers backed his determination that there would be no referendum. One senior minister said last night that they were all happy for that to be known after Mr Major again told MPs: "We are a parliamentary democracy and I see no need for a referendum."

Pressed by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, on whether he ruled out any referendums on EC issues while he remained Tory leader, Mr Major said: "On this issue I do not see the need for a referendum."

Mr Hurd earlier signalled the cabinet's willingness to join battle with her. He criticised her call for a referendum, saying: "Personally, I am instinctively against them. In our parliamentary democracy, the line of democratic accountability runs from the government to the House and from this House to those who send us here. If we take ourselves out of this line because the decisions are particularly important or difficult, it does seem to me that we are dodging part of our responsibilities."

There was no case for introducing a referendum because a particular issue had come up, Mr Hurd said, with

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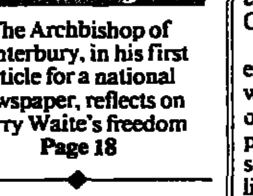

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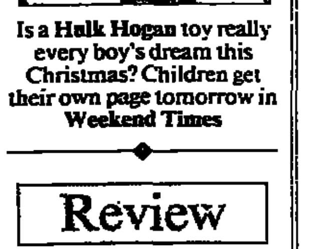

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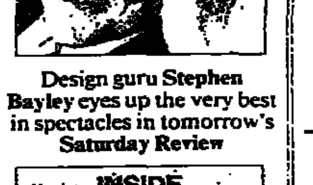

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WHO SAID WHAT......

Tuesday 3.25pm: John Major rejects the idea of a referendum "because we are a parliamentary democracy".

Wednesday 4.10pm: He tells Tony Benn: "I do not favour the idea of a referendum."

5.30pm: *Margaret Thatcher calls for a referendum if all three* parties agree to single currency. In those circumstances "we should let the people speak". Ministers assume she is talking of a referendum in a future parliament.

7pm: Downing Street officials, after consulting Mr Major, brief that a referendum is not ruled out for all time and that one parliament cannot bind another, prompting Labour accusation that "backseat driver has grabbed the wheel". Major returns from a reception to agree line with key ministers.

11.45pm: Francis Maude, Treasury minister, says that Mrs Thatcher proposed a referendum in 1996. It is not startling to suggest that this government and this parliament cannot decide on such an issue now, he says.

Thursday 11am: Downing Street statement says: "The government does not intend to hold a referendum on the outcome of Maastricht. There is no case for one and the government will not offer one." Single currency referendum would be for future parliament but "the prime minister's view remains that he sees no need for a referendum".

11.30am: Cabinet agrees there should be no referendum "now or later".

3.15pm: Mr Major tells MPs: "The government does not intend to hold a referendum on the outcome of the Maastricht negotiations. There is no case for one, and the government will not offer one." The question of a referendum on a single currency was "*self evidently* a matter for a future Parliament. My view remains that we are a parliamentary democracy and I see no need for a referendum".

5pm: Mrs Thatcher's friends confirm she may yet call for a referendum soon after the Maastricht summit meeting.

Happy family: Tom Sutherland's wife, Jean, centre, and his daughters Joan, left, and Kit, talking to reporters in Wiesbaden yesterday

Britons are most patriotic in Europe

***Robin Oakley** reports on a European survey that says the British are the most willing to fight for their country*

BRITAIN is the most patriotic nation in Europe, with more than two thirds of Britons (68 per cent) willing to fight for their country, compared with an average of 45 per cent across Europe, according to a new survey by the European Values Group of academics and social researchers.

The only other nations in which more than 50 per cent would fight for their country are The Netherlands (60 per cent), Northern Ireland (55 per cent), the Republic of Ireland (54 per cent) and France (54 per cent). Only 31 per cent of Germans and 25 *per cent of the Italians* say they would go to war for their country.

A clue to Britain's particular difficulties with greater European integration is provided by the poll's finding that 52 per cent of Britons are "very proud" of their nationality, compared with a European average of only 36 per cent. In the Republic of Ireland, 97 per cent said they were "very proud" or "quite proud" of their nationality, *followed by 92 per cent in* Northern Ireland, and 88 per cent in Italy. Germany was at the bottom of the league, with only 59 per cent.

The poll of 15,540 adults

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Friends of John McCarthy 'hindered hostage release'

From Ian Murray in Wiesbaden

PUBLICITY generated by such groups as the Friends of John McCarthy probably prolonged the captivity of hostages in Lebanon, claimed Thomas Sutherland yesterday, the American agronomist released with Terry Waite.

Mr Sutherland *said that* although he was enormously grateful for the support he and his family received during the more than six years of his captivity, he had concluded from talks with his jailers that publicity had been counterproductive. "I think that, in general, it made it all have too high a profile," he said at the military hospital here, adding: "It gave the kidnappers a sense of importance and made them think they were going to get something out of it."

The young men who held him prisoner believed the kidnappings were the only way they could attract the attention of the world, he said. Only because the British and American *governments* had not given way did they come to realise that "if you want to be part of the new world, then you had better get this problem resolved", he added.

Jean, his wife, had adopted a low profile in trying to win his release, he added. She had remained in Beirut teaching at the American University. Over the years of his captivity she had helped more than 4,000 Lebanese students to learn to speak English. She said yesterday: "I wanted to *make the environment better*, so that it would become an environment in which he could come out and no others would go in."

Mr Sutherland said he was ready to go back to Beirut, *where he still has a teaching* contract. He had erroneously believed that his commitment to help and teach the Lebanese had made him unlikely to be a hostage target. "I thought that the message was getting through that here's one guy we ought to leave alone," he said. He still believed that the way forward for peace in the Middle East was by extending understanding through ghe medium of education.

Mr Sutherland was forced to delay his planned flight home yesterday after it was discovered that he had a peptic ulcer. He, his wife and two of his three daughters had hoped to be back in America in time to attend his father-in-law's funeral in Ames, Iowa, today.

Uwe Fohlmeister, an air force doctor, said: "He will probably remain in the hospital for five to seven days. This [ulcer] is easily treatable and should cause absolutely no problem. He should heal completely." The doctor added that Mr Sutherland had started the day complaining of vomiting, nausea and a gnawing sensation in his stomach.

Dr Fohlmeister said Mr Sutherland might have had some ulcer problems for his last month or so in captivity, but had said nothing about stomach pains during earlier medical evaluation. "This condition is usually not found during a physical examination unless its specifically looked for," he said.

In common with most of the released hostages, Mr Sutherland appears to have come through his captivity relatively unscathed.

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Army holds banquet in ruins of Vukovar

From Bill Frost in Vukovar

OVER goulash and talk of atrocities, Yugoslav federal army commanders yesterday staged a bizarre victory celebration in the banqueting hall of a gutted hotel on the banks of the Danube at Vukovar, eastern Croatia – the town they stormed over the weekend.

Against a background of automatic weapons fire from the ruins around the hotel, an officer with the Serb-led army explained that the destruction of Vukovar had been unavoidable. "This was the fortress cradle of Croatian fascism," said Colonel Miodrag Starcevic.

Moments before the celebratory banquet began at the Dunav hotel, federal army officers had led journalists to a pile of bodies opposite Vukovar's all but destroyed hospital. Some of the dead, men and women, were the victims of Croatian forces, Colonel Starcevic said. Most of the corpses had hospital identity tags on their toes, however, suggesting that the house opposite the building had been used as a makeshift morgue during the height of the siege.

Inside the hospital itself a handful of critically wounded patients waited to be moved home to Croatia. An old woman brandished a 3in-square piece of shrapnel surgeons had removed from her stomach only days earlier. "The pain is bad, very bad. But I could be dead, I was lucky," she said. The base-

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Nurse held on baby murders

By Craig Seton

A NURSE was remanded in custody "for her own protection" last night charged with murdering four children, including three babies, and attempting to murder eight others.

Beverley Allitt, aged 23, was accused of carrying out the attacks in the children's ward at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital in Lincolnshire, between January and April. Parents of some of the children named in the charges were among those who packed Grantham magistrates' court for a five-minute hearing yesterday.

Miss Allitt, a former nurse at the hospital, was also accused of attempting to murder and causing grievous bodily harm with intent to eight other children, six of whom were under two.

A solicitor for Miss Allitt said that she would plead not guilty and contest the allegations. Reporting restrictions were *lifted.*

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Diva's dinner captures the flavour of Puccini

By Kerry Gill

OPERA singer Anne Williams King enjoyed a pizza with off-duty disregard for the sensibilities of her diaphragm, little realising that within minutes she would be called upon to step in at the interval to save Scottish Opera's production of *Madame Butterfly*.

Before the opera began, the audience at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen, was told that Maria Prosperi, the soprano, had fallen ill and would be unable to attend. In her place would be Andrea Delguidice, an American singer who had been flown in specially from Rome.

The audience settled down, entranced by Ms Delguidice's rendering of the Puccini classic, unaware that the stand-in was also beginning to feel a little queasy. Ms Delguidice struggled with increasing nausea, caused by a viral infection, but by the start of the 20-minute interval she realised she could no longer continue and it was decided to abandon the performance.

Then someone remembered having heard Ms Williams King during a rehearsal for the company's performance of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* that afternoon. They also recalled that she knew *Madame Butterfly* backwards, and remembered hearing her saying she was going out for an Italian meal that night. But where?

As the audience grew restive, theatre staff grabbed telephone books and rang every Italian restaurant and pizza parlour they could find in the city. The 20 minutes stretched to 45 but, just as the opera was about to be called off, the dining "diva" was given her cue by a waiter.

"There wasn't even time to make me up," said Ms Williams King yesterday as she rested after her feat. "I was thrown at the stage. While I was waiting for the curtain to go up, I said to myself 'I don't believe this. I can't be here; I must be watching TV'. But I knew the role well. It all came together, and I dived in."

She said: "It was a marvellous experience, but I would not want to repeat it, especially on a stomach full of pizza, which does nothing to help the diaphragm." Ms Williams King, from Wrexham, Clwyd, received an ovation.

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Williams King: tracked down in a restaurant

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Sea changes in world power could sink Trident strategy

Michael Evans explains how public perception of political upheavals may threaten Britain's nuclear programme

TODAY, MPs will question the government's nuclear strategy in a Commons debate. With the principal rationale for Britain's nuclear systems, to help prevent war with the Soviet Union, extended to embrace other scenarios, there is a danger that the government's justification for replacing the Polaris ballistic missile submarines with four Trident boats will be undermined.

The need to deter Saddam Hussein from launching a nuclear bomb is being put forward as one reason for a strategic deterrent. This may be an argument for developing a tactical air-launched missile to replace the RAF's free-fall bombs, but nobody would be impressed with the suggestion that £10 billion of taxpayers' money be spent on Trident in an attempt to deter Saddam.

With the world changing so quickly, the temptation for politicians is to broaden the interpretation of nuclear deterrence to cover all options, whether Iraq, the North Korean regime, the Soviet republics or that favourite political word, instability.

Such a loose interpretation may satisfy the public, but it is not an argument to deploy in a serious debate on nuclear policy. There are three reasons for maintaining an independent deterrent: to help counter-balance the Soviet arsenal of 27,000 nuclear warheads, however friendly the leaders of the nuclear-weapon republics are towards the West; to provide a constant warning that a large conventional attack could lead to a nuclear exchange; and to ensure that Britain retains a leading role on the international stage.

If the United States and the Soviet republics dismantle substantially more of their nuclear weapons over the next few years than is planned under the strategic arms reduction treaty (Start), the importance attached to each of these three reasons will change. If the American and Soviet arsenals were halved after Start had been implemented, Britain would come under pressure to make an appropriate response. But to remain a permanent member of the UN security council, for example, Britain, whether Conservative or Labour run, would need to stay a nuclear power.

In the meantime, the government has a public relations challenge. In three months, HMS Vanguard will be lowered into the water at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, the first of the Trident ballistic missile boats to be completed. Nearly 500ft long and with a 42ft beam, it is the largest submarine deployed by the Royal Navy.

In three years, Vanguard will be on patrol in the Atlantic as Britain's new generation strategic deterrent. About 70ft longer than Polaris, Vanguard's first public appearance will demonstrate, a few months before the general election, how significant a step the government has taken in modernising Britain's strategic deterrent.

Sir Michael Quinlan, permanent under-secretary at the defence ministry and an authority on nuclear deterrence, said in an address to the Soviet general staff in Moscow last year: "If nuclear weapons ... are to play an effective and dependable part in war prevention, they must be capable of actual use in some rational way. Weapons are not just symbols on a diplomatic chessboard, and weapons which have no credible use can have no power to dissuade.

"We are therefore logically compelled to ask ourselves ... the disagreeable question, what is the use of which our armoury must be evidently capable?"

Each of the Trident boats will be capable of carrying 128 warheads. The Trident missile has been designed to penetrate the Soviet anti-ballistic missile system around Moscow. Its deterrent value depends upon it. So even if the Soviet nuclear arsenal is reduced further, the government will be able to claim that the Trident represents a minimum deterrent.

The nuclear planners have worked out that a ballistic missile submarine needs a minimum of 16 missiles, each with eight warheads; to pose a credible threat to the Soviet Union. The empire may have disintegrated but there is no other criteria upon which the nuclear planners can work. Nevertheless, when the public sees the size of the Trident boat — if stood on end, more than three times the height of Nelson's Column — it may need convincing.

☐ Britain will buy the first batch of 23 Trident missiles from the US next year, according to the US senate armed services committee. No cost was given. The defence ministry in London refused to confirm the figure.

The government has earmarked just under £1 billion to buy an estimated 60 to 70 missiles.

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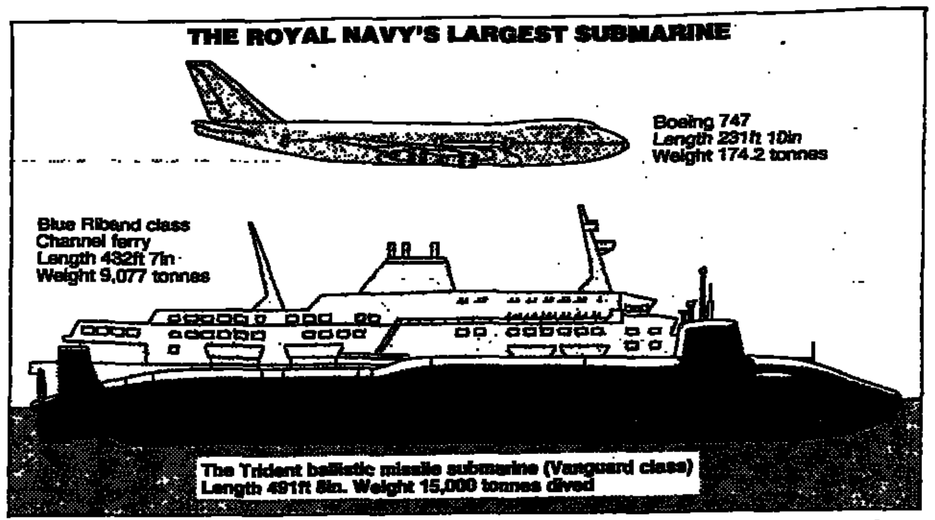

Iran thought Waite was linked to CIA

By LIN JENKINS

TERRY Waite's kidnappers believed he was a CIA spy when they took him captive, and the Iranian government also thought that he had a link with the American secret service, Mr Shamseddin Khareghani, Iran's chargé d'affaires in London, said yesterday.

Asked, in a Sky News interview, how close the link was, he said: "I can't tell you how close. But there was a definite link." Mr Waite's family has always denied that he was involved with the US administration in his dealings with hostage-takers and has said that he has assured them he has answers to all accusations.

Mr Khareghani said his country was almost ready to resume full diplomatic relations with London after the severing of ties nearly three years ago over the Salman Rushdie affair. "I hope we can resume better relations in the near future. We are determined to have better relations with Great Britain. Britain is a big country, with good technological support and good people. The upgrading of diplomatic relations will take place as soon as conditions are right. And that will be soon."

His optimism was echoed by the Foreign Office, which told Sky News: "The red light has turned to green."

Terry Waite himself spent a quiet second day back home in Britain yesterday with a visit from his 77-year-old mother.

Lena Waite, who had been staying with her other son David in Witney, Oxfordshire, arrived during the afternoon at the special suite in the officers' mess at RAF Lyneham, after her son had undergone further routine medical tests.

Group Captain Ian Corbitt, Lyneham's commander, said Mr Waite was particularly thrilled by the hundreds of books sent by wellwishers since he was largely deprived of reading material during his captivity.

Mr Corbitt said Mr Waite had enjoyed a short walk in the grounds of the station, with his wife Frances and had celebrated Holy Communion with his family in a brief service conducted by Canon Richard Chartres, a Lambeth Palace official.

The couple's children, twins Claire and Ruth, aged 25, Gillian, aged 24, and Mark, aged 20, were also at the base. Mr Waite is expected to stay there for several days.

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Mayhew to lead Guildford case

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, is to lead personally the Crown's appeal against a magistrate's decision to discharge three former detectives accused of conspiring to pervert the course of justice in connection with the Guildford Four.

The highly unusual decision for the government's senior law officer to take the case in person is a sign of the importance attached to it.

Ronald Bartle, the Bow Street stipendiary magistrate, dismissed charges against the officers in June after concluding that their chances of a fair trial had been jeopardised by delays in bringing them to court, prejudicial media comment and that they had not been formally cautioned before making statements. He also voiced concern about investigating events that occurred 17 years ago.

The Crown's case is that in 1974, the officers fabricated and put forward notes of interviews with Patrick Armstrong, one of four men jailed for life for IRA bombings of public houses in Guildford.

● A new intermediate court with a majority of lay members to take on the task of reviewing the credibility and significance of any new evidence in criminal cases was called for by the Crown Prosecution Service yesterday.

Such a new legal body would be a subsidiary part of the Court of Appeal, but its members would include lay assessors such as scientists selected according to the nature of the case and they would form the majority sitting in the new court.

Happiness is walking back to work

By JAMIE DETTMER

A SENIOR civil servant who lost her legs in an IRA bombing blunder last June walked jubilantly into work yesterday to the applause of her colleagues at the Industrial Development Board in Belfast.

Celia Gourley, the board's former director of trade development, had vowed soon after the bombing that she would return to work with razzmatazz. Yesterday, she kept her defiant pledge and walked through the board's main doors with the aid of sticks.

"I swore I would get back on my feet and now I have proved it," she said as government officials and staff at the board cheered the steps that marked an important moment in her personal crusade against the bombers.

Mrs Gourley, aged 46, lost her legs above the knees after a Semtex bomb exploded underneath her white Peugeot 205 car outside her home in Drumbeg, Co Antrim. The IRA "apologised" and claimed she was a victim of mistaken identity. Mrs Gourley rejected the apology, saying, "I do hate the bastards."

The road to recovery was slow and painful. Mrs Gourley spent 11 weeks in hospital and then went through intensive physiotherapy to learn how to use her artificial limbs.

"It has been a physical struggle rather than a mental or emotional one because there is a great deal of physical energy involved," she said yesterday. "I have had so much support from my husband Bob, my family, colleagues and friends. When Bob told me in intensive care that it was an IRA mistake and that they were sorry, it made me very, very angry. Anger was the great motivating factor. It could, if I allowed it, ruin our lives and it was anger that kept me going."

She was presented with flowers as she walked in. "I have been looking forward to this day for five months," she said.

CRISPIN RODWELL

On her feet: Mrs Gourley after yesterday's triumph

Farmers fear EC changes

By RAY CLANCY

LOCAL authorities' restrictive planning policies and European reforms are the biggest threats to British farming in the 1990s, a Country Landowners' Association conference was told yesterday.

Proposals by EC farm commissioner Ray MacSharry to shake up the present farm support system will accelerate economic decline in the UK, drag down farm incomes and lead to more rural job losses, Hugh Duberly, deputy national president of the association, said in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

He predicted that the MacSharry proposals would benefit small scale peasant farmers on the Continent at the expense of British farmers who are mostly medium or large scale producers.

Mr Duberly also accused local authorities of unsympathetic and bad planning policies. He said the survival of many rural communities depended on developing other sources of income such as farm shops and farm products. He accused the environment department of being restrictive and councils of being inconsistent. Councils should "encourage, not inhibit diversification of farming businesses, enabling the re-use and adaptability of rural buildings," he said.

Dick Dancy, business consultant with the agricultural development and advisory service, told farmers at the conference that change in eastern Europe could open up opportunities for food producers and that they should also look towards the European market as an area for development.

Joyrider kills woman

A woman was killed and her three passengers injured when a stolen car, driven by a boy who had run away from a children's home, crashed into them near Filey, North Yorkshire, on Wednesday night.

The boy, aged 16, was taken to hospital, where police are waiting to interview him. His four young passengers, who were also in care in Pontefract and Wakefield, West Yorkshire, were arrested at the scene of the crash. Wakefield council's social services department has ordered an enquiry into the accident.

The dead woman was named yesterday as Barbara Ross, aged 56, of Filey.

Writer's award

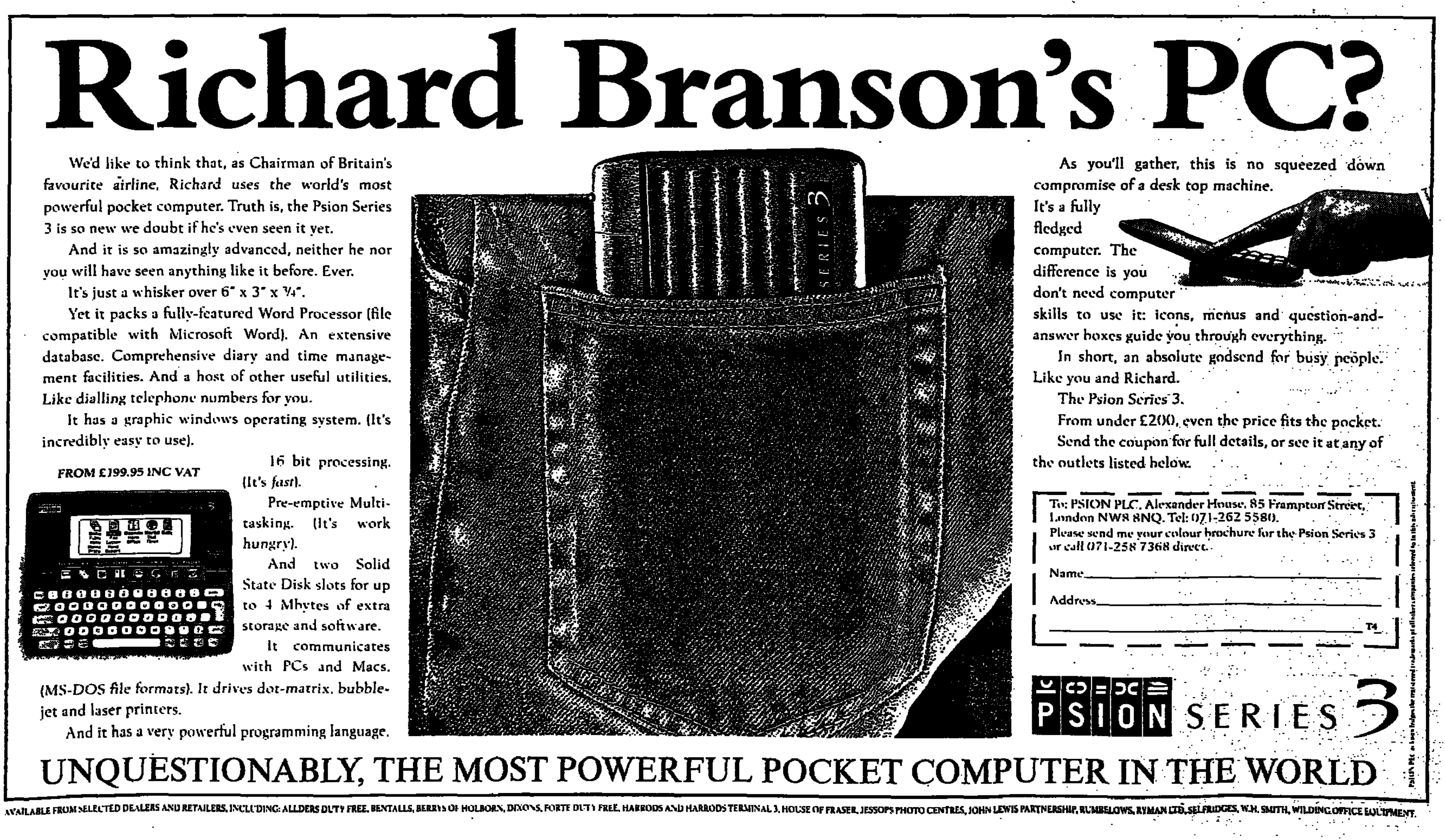
Lindsay Cook, money editor of *The Times*, has won the Philip Chappell award "for contributing most to the lives of others". The award, presented in London yesterday, was in recognition of her campaigns in the Weekend Money pages on behalf of consumers. The award was made as part of the Financial Services Woman of the Year Award, created and run by the Financial Exchange.

Driver dies

Ice and fog led to a series of accidents across southern England yesterday, leaving one driver, Jason Bradshaw of Crawley, Sussex, dead after a collision on the London to Brighton road.

CORRECTION

Victoria Glendinning's book review yesterday said that Nigel Lawson's son is called Mark. He is, of course, called Dominic.



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Families pack court as nurse is accused of murdering babies

By CRAIG SETON

A FORMER nurse appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering three babies and a boy aged 11, and of attempting to murder eight other children at the Grantham and Kesteven general hospital in Lincolnshire.

Parents and relatives of the children packed into Grantham magistrates' court when Beverley Gail Allitt, aged 23, appeared for a five-minute hearing. Reporting restrictions were lifted on the request of the defence lawyer, who said that Miss Allitt would be denying the allegations.

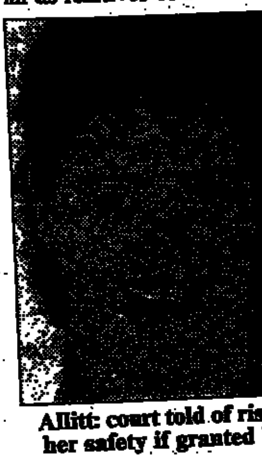
The magistrates remanded her in custody for her own protection after hearing that local feelings were running high over the charges, relating to eight boys and four girls from the children's ward at the hospital where she worked, between January and April this year.

Three of the murder charges involved babies aged between seven weeks and 15 months. Miss Allitt was also accused of attempted murder and grievous bodily harm with intent involving eight children, six of them aged under two years. One of the murder charges and one accusation of attempted murder relate to twin baby girls.

Miss Allitt, of Grantham, sat facing the three magistrates as Philip Howes, for the prosecution, asked for her to be remanded in custody. He said that bail should be withheld because Miss Allitt might fail to surrender to custody, and added: "There would be a risk for her welfare and for her own protection if she is granted bail."

Mr Howes said that the alleged offences had received national media coverage when Lincolnshire police began enquiries on May 1. The Grantham hospital had asked the police to investigate a number of "suspicious incidents" in the children's ward. Enquiries had been complex and intensive and a file had been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Howes told the magistrates: "Obviously, feeling is running high in the locality, understandably, especially as far as relatives of the children are concerned. There is a clear risk to this woman's safety if she is granted bail."


Allitt: court told of risk to her safety if granted bail

He said that conviction would result in a lengthy custodial sentence and added: "Clearly, although she has been on bail and had these matters hanging over her, charges have been brought and she must realise the enormity of what she faces."

Miss Allitt is accused of murdering Liam James Taylor, aged seven weeks; Becky Phillips, a twin, two months; and Claire Peck, 15 months, all of Grantham; and Timothy Hardwick, aged 11, from Newark, Nottinghamshire. She is also charged with attempting to murder and inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent on Kayley Desmond, 22 months; Paul Crampton, 13 months; Bradley Gibson, six years; Yik Hung Chan, two years nine months; Katie Phillips, a twin, 10 months; Christopher Peasgood, nine months; Christopher King, eight months; and Patrick Elstone, nine months. All the children are from the Grantham and Newark areas.

John Kendall, for the defence, said that he would make no application for bail and asked for reporting restrictions to be lifted. He said the hearing was the first opportunity she had had to indicate that she would be pleading not guilty to all the charges. "They will be fought through the courts at the appropriate time and in the appropriate place," he said. He asked for legal aid and said that the prosecution had had the benefit of leading counsel since June.

Norman Dodson, chairman of the bench, lifting reporting restrictions, told Miss Allitt: "We have decided to refuse bail and remand you in custody because there are substantial grounds to believe you will fail to attend court and we are satisfied you should be kept in custody for your own protection." Miss Allitt was remanded in custody until November 28 and granted legal aid.

MICHAEL POWELL

Clearly valuable: Charlotte Wrey, aged two, from Clapham, southwest London, offers a sweet but inappropriate treat to the latest occupants of a 200-year-old goldfish bowl, which is expected to fetch up to £10,000 with mahogany stand in auction at Christie's, London, on December 5

Detective denies taking bribes over brothel

By RICHARD DUCE

A BROTHEL madame paid a police detective £36,000 over seven years as protection against prosecution, a court was told yesterday.

After three court appearances and a six months jail sentence, however, she decided she was getting a poor return for her money, Southwark crown court was told.

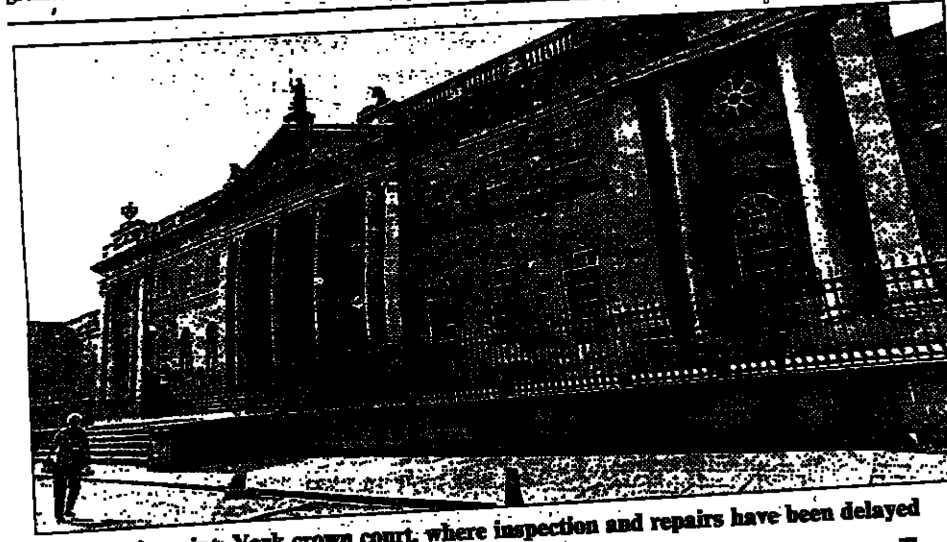
Maria Thornton, aged 41, then decided to expose Detective Sergeant Graham Golder to a newspaper and secretly tape recorded a conversation in which the officer said he could help her with a forthcoming court appearance in return for £800. "Thornton has for many years been running brothels and controlling prostitutes in north London," Dorian Lovell-Pank, for the prosecution, said. "She is a madame and has a number of convictions for soliciting, prostitution and brothel keeping."

In 1981, after a chance meeting in a pub, Mr Golder put a proposal to Thornton. "He knew she kept a brothel. He told her: 'I can help you but it will cost you a one-er (£100) a week.' He said he would keep his eyes open and warn her about any police observations on her brothel.

"She believed it would be a good investment if she had a policeman in her pocket. She thought by paying him it was some kind of insurance policy against prosecution," Mr Lovell-Pank said.

Golder, aged 44, of North Weald, Essex, denies 13 charges of corruption between 1981 and 1988. The money was allegedly paid in a brown envelope every week.

The trial continues today.


Case in point: York crown court, where inspection and repairs have been delayed

Historic buildings owned by government 'neglected'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MANY historic buildings in the government's care are deteriorating to below the legal standards, a National Audit Office study has found.

Sir John Bourn, the public auditor, yesterday criticised the conservation of listed buildings such as the Dundee custom house, York crown court, 4 St James's square, London, and Teddington Hall. He called for urgent action to preserve the 600 properties of historic merit owned by the government after examining the standards of repair in a sample.

"To do otherwise would increase the risk of some buildings becoming seriously dilapidated and necessitating large scale and expensive repairs," his report said.

The auditors said that, because of poor record keeping, they could not comment on the condition of all the buildings. A close study of five found poor housekeeping with blocked gutters, unsympathetic repairs and breaches of health and safety standards.

HM Customs and Excise was found to have spent 11 per cent of its 1990-1 general maintenance budget on repairs to the Dundee custom house, which houses only 32 of the department's 27,000 staff. After investigating the care of York crown court the auditors criticised delays in inspecting the listed building and carrying out repairs.

At the former Astor family home in St James's Square, the auditors found a history of indecision and poor repairs as the Grade II listed building housed a variety of public bodies. The auditors found Teddington Hall, built in 1863, to be in a "deplorable state with serious structural defects, extensive dry rot, a holed roof, decayed brickwork and fallen internal and external decoration. The stairs were too dangerous to be used and the fireplaces had been stolen."

● The Earl of Shelburne, president of the Historic Houses Association, has called for a new deal to safeguard the future of great country houses still in private hands (Marcus Binney writes).

"Well intentioned government provisions allowing owners to establish maintenance funds are not attractive enough and few owners have taken advantage of them," he said, urging that the funds be made tax free. In return, owners would accept that such funds were irrevocable and would attach to the property in perpetuity, even it was sold.

Research for the association shows that of more than 10,000 family seats recorded 100 years ago, only 1,450 could be shown to have been in the same family for two generations or more. Over the past 18 years 400 such properties had been sold, often because of soaring costs of maintenance and repairs.

Scots wilderness may be saved

By KERRY GILL

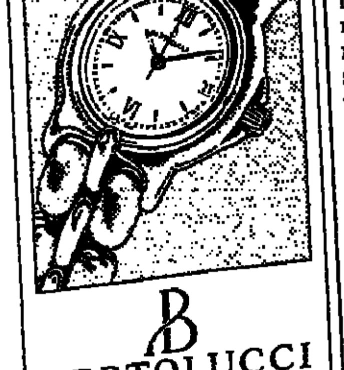
A HIGHLAND estate comprising 77,000 of the most important wilderness acres in western Europe may be saved for the nation, contrary to earlier fears.

During the summer it looked as if Mar Lodge, which contains five of Scotland's highest mountain peaks, remnants of the ancient Caledonian pine forest and varied species of rare wild birds, would be sold privately after the government refused to contribute to its purchase.

The estate, in Royal Deeside, was placed on the market almost a year ago by John Kluge, its American billionaire owner. But now the purchase could be made possible by an offer from the National Heritage Memorial Fund to meet about half the cost, said to be about £10 million. Conservation groups, including the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Chris Brasher Trust, have promised up to £5 million as long as the remainder comes from the public purse.

If the heritage memorial fund makes a satisfactory offer, the consortium could begin negotiations with Mr Kluge. Although the fund, whose money is provided by the environment department, may not feel able to afford £5 million, conservationists hope that any shortfall would be met by the government. The fund refused to comment.

However, a change of heart by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, has led to the government supporting the conservationists' case, to the chagrin of a group of Scottish landowners who had expressed doubts and opposition to the proposal.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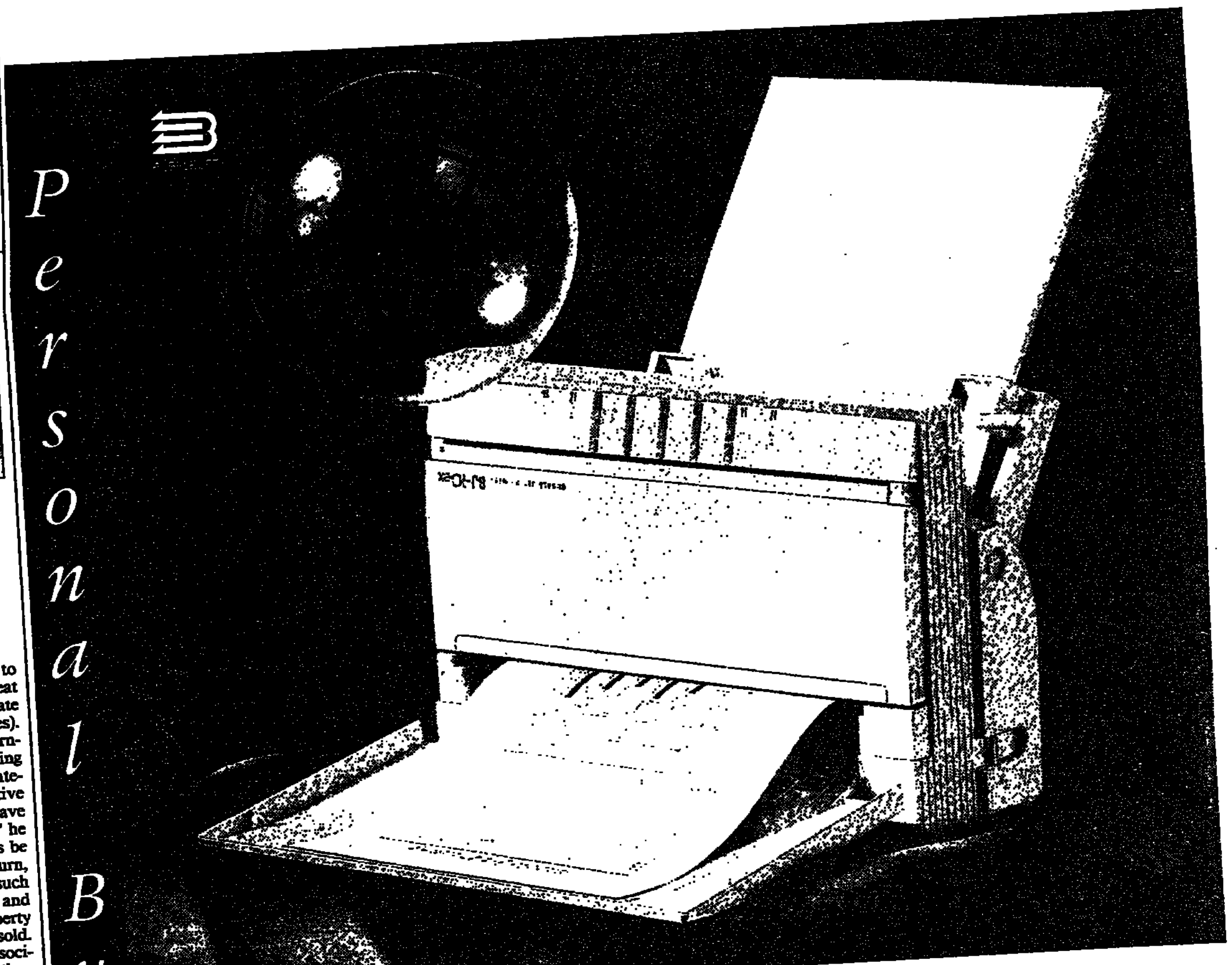

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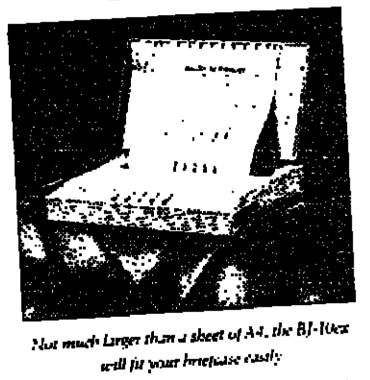
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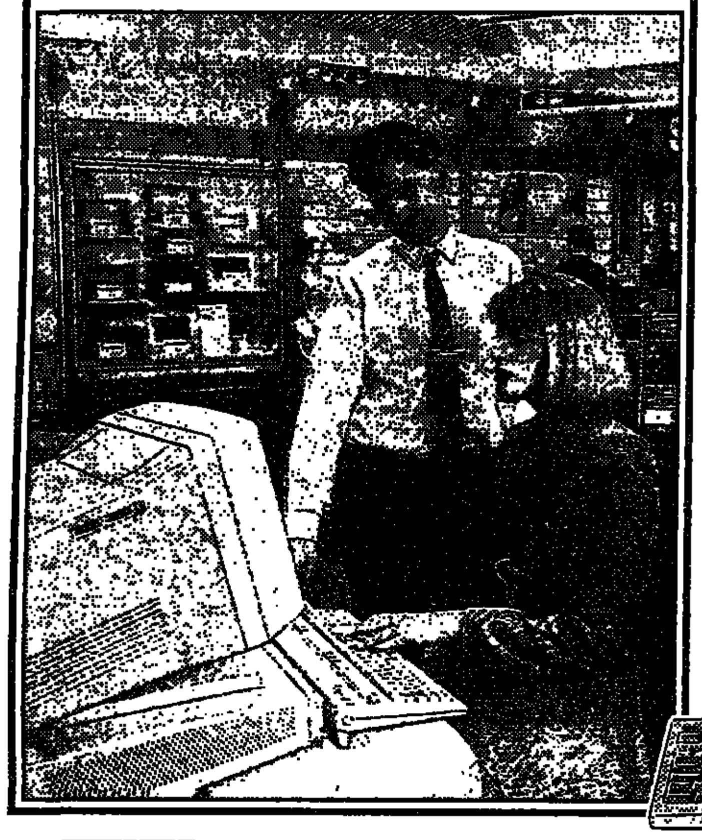

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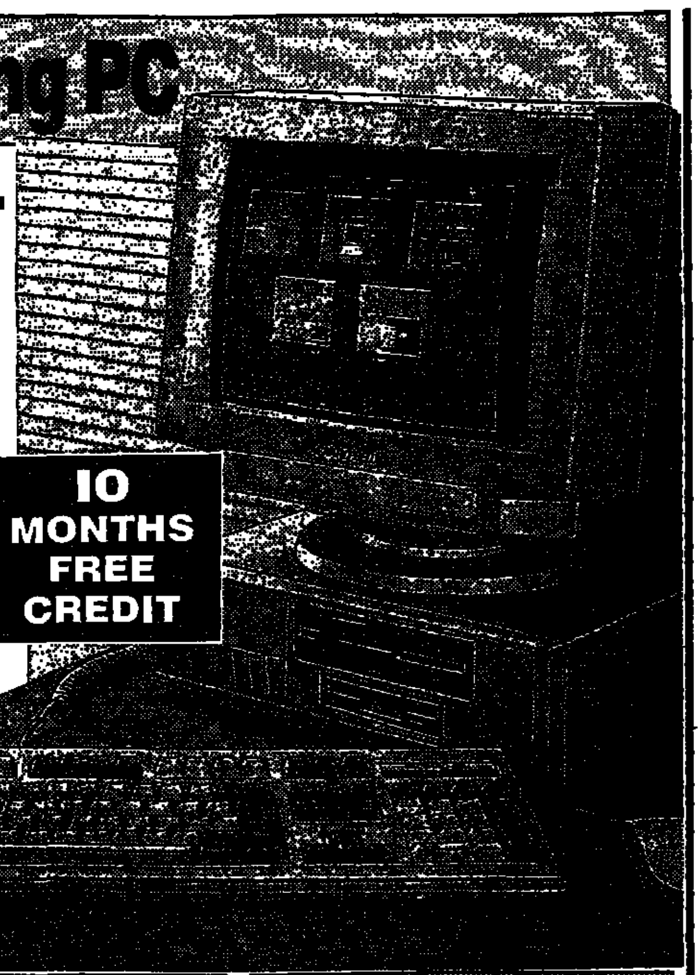

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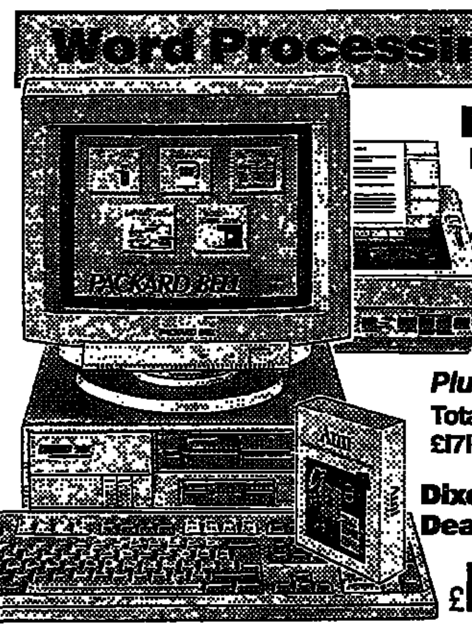

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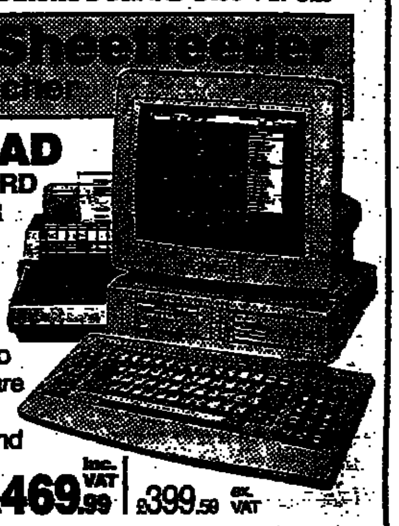

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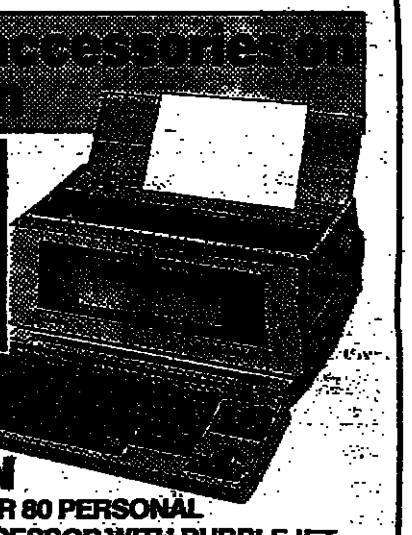

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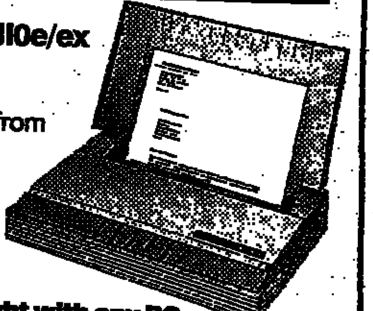

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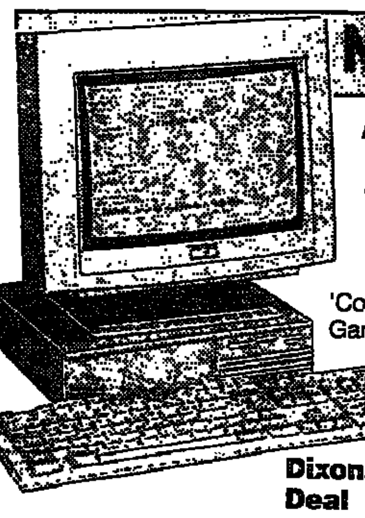

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Goodman flies back into holiday trade as consultant

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

A PLAN to create a charter airline which could help to relaunch the flamboyant Harry Goodman into the travel industry, albeit as a "consultant", will come before the Civil Aviation Authority for a ruling early next month.

Mr Goodman, whose International Leisure Group collapsed in the spring with debts of about £400 million, has been working closely with Hugh Parry, the former group finance director, in setting up a small airline to carry holiday-makers to Europe and the Middle East.

Mr Parry stressed that Mr Goodman, who technically is employed as a consultant, had no financial stake in the new airline and was not a director. His expertise is, however, being used daily as the company, Crawford Aviation, prepares its case for the aviation authority on December 3. Objections to the application have been lodged by two rival airlines and a number of individuals, some of whom were expected to object to Mr Goodman's involvement. Others argued that the authority should tighten controls on the new airlines it sanctions, in view of the collapse of at least five, including Mr Goodman's Air Europe.

If Crawford Aviation is given the go-ahead, it will start by leasing two Boeing 757s, probably from Air Europe's redundant fleet, and base them in Manchester to tap the northern market. The aviation authority will have to decide whether the airline is financially sound, and fit and proper to be given an air transport licence.

Mr Parry said yesterday: "We will be well financed and have already sold out our capacity for next season. Mr Goodman is employed purely as a consultant and we are free to take his advice or not as we wish."

Mr Goodman was closely involved as a consultant in the setting up of Riva Travel, based, like Crawford Aviation, in Crawford Place, central London. Riva expects to arrange 25,000 package tours next year, mainly to Mediterranean resorts. The managing director of Riva is Jackie Kernaghan, also a former ILG director. The two other directors, Richard Moore and Yiannis Alexandrakis, an hotelier, are on the board of Crawford Aviation.

☐ The heads of 12 European national tourist organisations will meet in London next week as concern grows over the impact of mass tourism on the environment, the possible effect of the social charter and the easing of frontier controls.

The meeting was called by William Davis, chairman of the British Tourist Board, who hopes that agreement can also be reached on ways to improve facilities for disabled people, whether school holidays should be staggered, and how to control petty crime against tourists.

Goodman: employed as consultant to airline firm

Death car trial halted by judge

A crown court judge yesterday stopped the trial of a heart surgeon charged with causing the deaths of a couple who died when the automatic BMW car he was test driving went out of control and hit their Metro head on.

Judge Dean told the jury at Leeds crown court to find Nigel Saunders, aged 45, not guilty of causing the deaths of Elizabeth Clayton, aged 84, and her husband Ronald, aged 75, by reckless driving last January.

The judge said that Mr Saunders, of Adel, Leeds, West Yorkshire, was not aware of the full capabilities of the high-powered car. He said the prosecution could not prove Mr Saunders had been reckless.

Rare birds fine

Anthony Parkes, an amateur bird-watcher, of Torquay, Devon, was fined £1,800 for being involved in the illegal importing of eggs from two of Europe's most rare birds. Nine marsh warbler eggs and four marsh harrier eggs were found by customs in a parcel addressed to him.

Drink acquittal

Carol McKenzie, aged 54, of Pinner, west London, was cleared of drink driving after Isleworth crown court ruled that a breath freshener spray containing alcohol might have pushed her breathalyser reading over the legal limit.

Heart attack

The Queen's racing pigeon manager Alan Pearce, found dead after his car crashed into a tree at South Raynham, Norfolk, died from a heart attack, a pathologist said.

Heart watch tells when time is up

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A WATCH has been developed which not only tells the time but warns wearers if they are in imminent danger of a heart attack.

A mini-electrocardiograph, devised by Kenneth Matsumura, director of science and technology developments for the Alin Foundation in Berkeley, California, is designed to fit inside an electronic watch and pick up electrical signals from the heart.

The invention has been tested using computer-generated signals and on volunteers who exercised vigorously to simulate conditions consistent with the onset of some kinds of heart attack.

Around 1.5 million people in America and about 200,000 people in Britain have heart attacks, with a fifth getting none of the traditional warnings such as chest pains. It is claimed that the device, likely to cost about £50, can detect up to half of all attacks, including those that come with none of the normal warnings.

Interpreting the electrical signals from the heart is notoriously difficult and modern hospital electrocardiographs rely on a huge processing capacity to analyse the whole signal.

Aware that such a system would be too big to fit in a watch, Mr Matsumura developed a device which instead looks for changes in just six parts of the signal. Those changes are processed by a microchip which then triggers an audible alarm.

Whether the watch becomes a commercial reality will depend on approval from the US Food and Drug Administration, which could take up to five years.

Some cardiologists have also expressed doubt over how effective such a device might be in giving victims enough warning to be of value.

Mr Matsumura says that electrical changes indicating that a heart attack is on the way can occur up to an hour before it starts, but Richard Vincent, professor of medical science at Sussex University, said that for most patients the warning was a matter of minutes.

Professor Vincent is also concerned about the reliability of the device and whether, by triggering false alarms, it might carry more hazards than benefits to the wearer. "I think it is an interesting idea. For a few people where it gives an accurate reading and allowed them to take an appropriate response one cannot deny it could be of value ... on a widescale basis, however, I would be extremely hesitant," he said.

Bowbelle widower clear to prosecute

By PETER VICTOR

A MAN whose wife was killed in the Marchioness river boat disaster has been given the go-ahead to bring a private prosecution for manslaughter against the owner of the dredger Bowbelle and four senior managers.

Ivor Glogg, whose wife Ruth Hadden was among the 51 killed when the Bowbelle collided with the Marchioness on the Thames in August 1989, was at Bow Street magistrates' court yesterday to hear the decision to allow committal proceedings against South Coast Shipping Company, of Canute, Southampton, its operations manager Peter Butcher, marine manager Brian Darwell, company superintendent Edward Greenwood and general manager Robert Samuel.

The four men were remanded on unconditional bail until January 6, when committal proceedings will begin unless defence counsel seek a judicial review in the High Court. Mr Glogg hugged friends and relatives outside the court after the decision.

JOHN MANNING

Snap judgment: Frans Lanting, winner of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award, holding up one of the faces that made him a winner: a hippopotamus issuing a warning of its intention to charge. Mr Lanting's pictures from Okavango, Botswana, where he worked on assignment for *National Geographic* magazine, beat 10,000 entries from 40 countries. Mr Lanting, from Santa Cruz, California, was presented with a bronze statue and a cheque for £600 by Sir David Attenborough at the Natural History Museum in west London. He also won a Caribbean holiday.

Couple made love in street for a dare

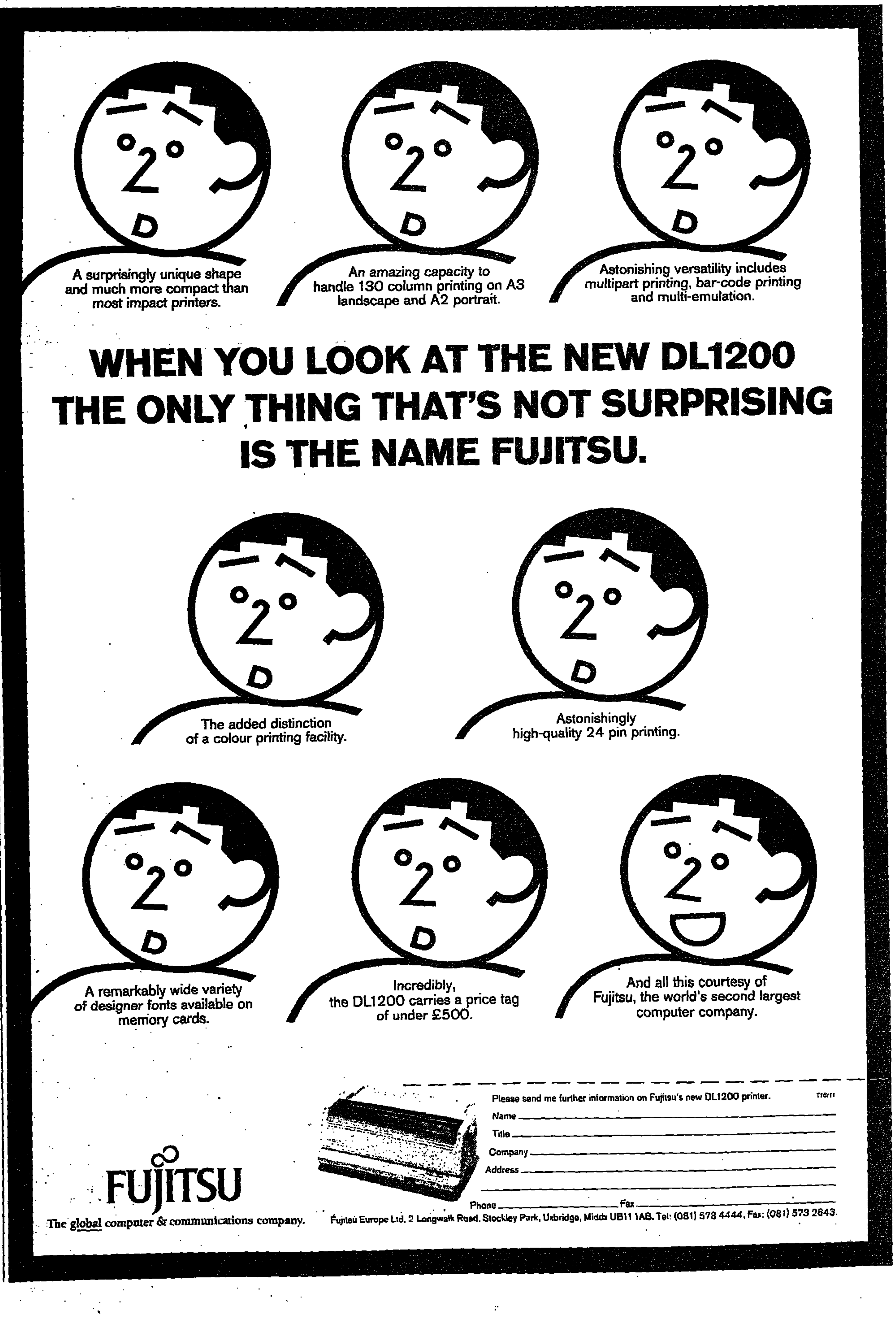
A COUPLE who brought traffic to a halt by making love on a mini-roundabout in a market town were fined £100 each yesterday.

A court in Frome, Somerset, was told that Clive Secker, aged 27, the son of a former town mayor, and Amanda Broomfield, aged 25, stripped naked in full view of shoppers for a dare after they had been drinking. Traffic came to a halt in Bath Street.

Secker told police: "We were there because we dared each other. Both of us wanted to see how far we could go. We went all the way."

Ann Jefferies, for the prosecution, said: "Patrolling policemen saw the couple standing naked in front of pedestrians. They were causing considerable traffic jams." Mrs Jefferies said that when Broomfield was later interviewed by police she said: "We did it for a dare. I just stripped off. I am sorry."

The couple from Keyford, Frome, Somerset, both admitted disorderly behaviour likely to cause alarm or distress. They were each ordered to pay £23 costs.



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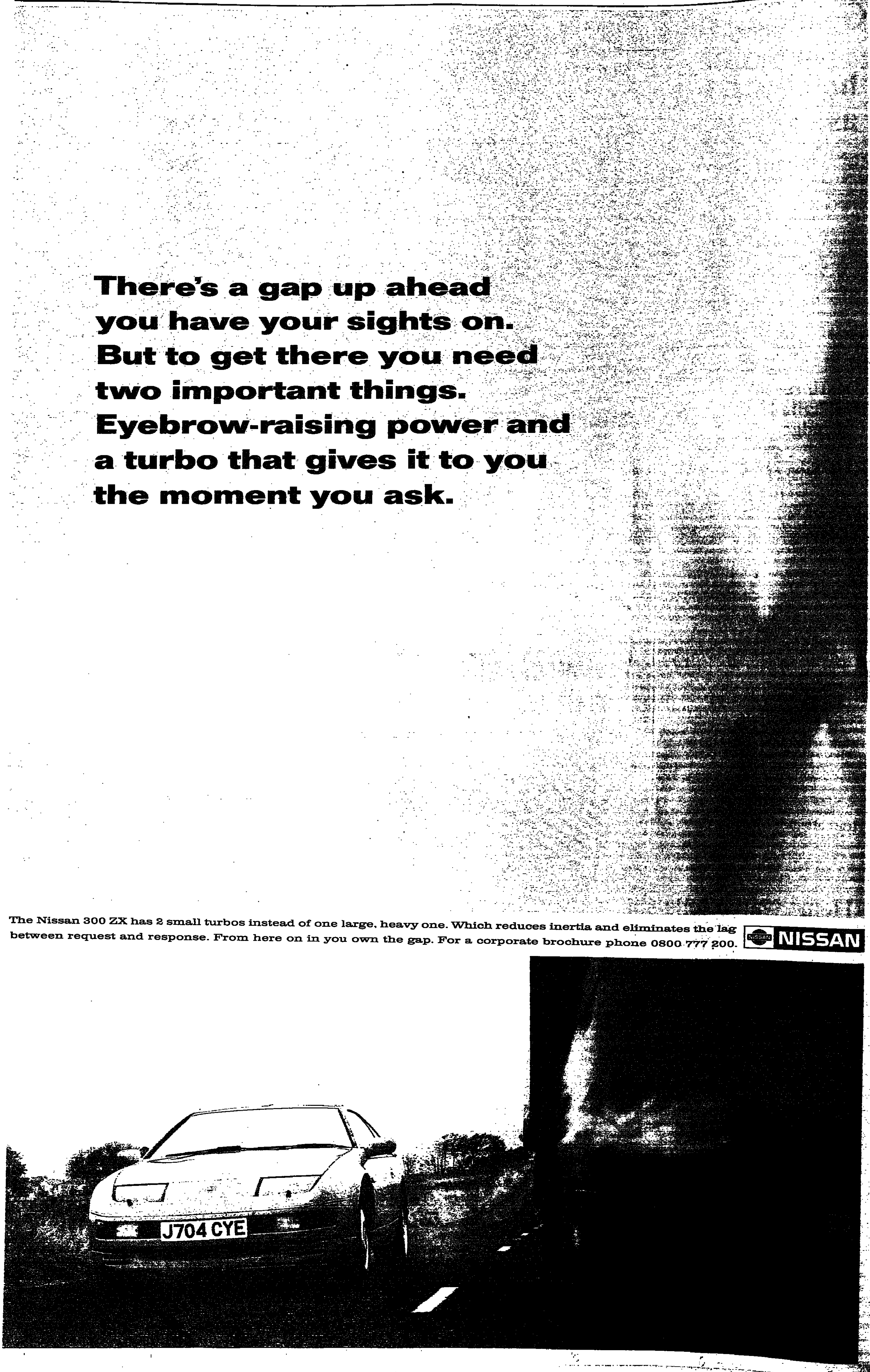

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Strict funding rules under local management threaten rural education's smallest units

Self help keeps alive heart of community

Can a school with only 20 pupils and two full-time staff teach the new national curriculum? Matthew d'Ancona finds the answer

NESTLING in a remote Cumbrian valley of striking beauty, not far from Derwentwater, is Borrowdale School, a small primary school which caters for 20 children aged five to 11, and which has taken extraordinary fundraising steps to avoid extinction.

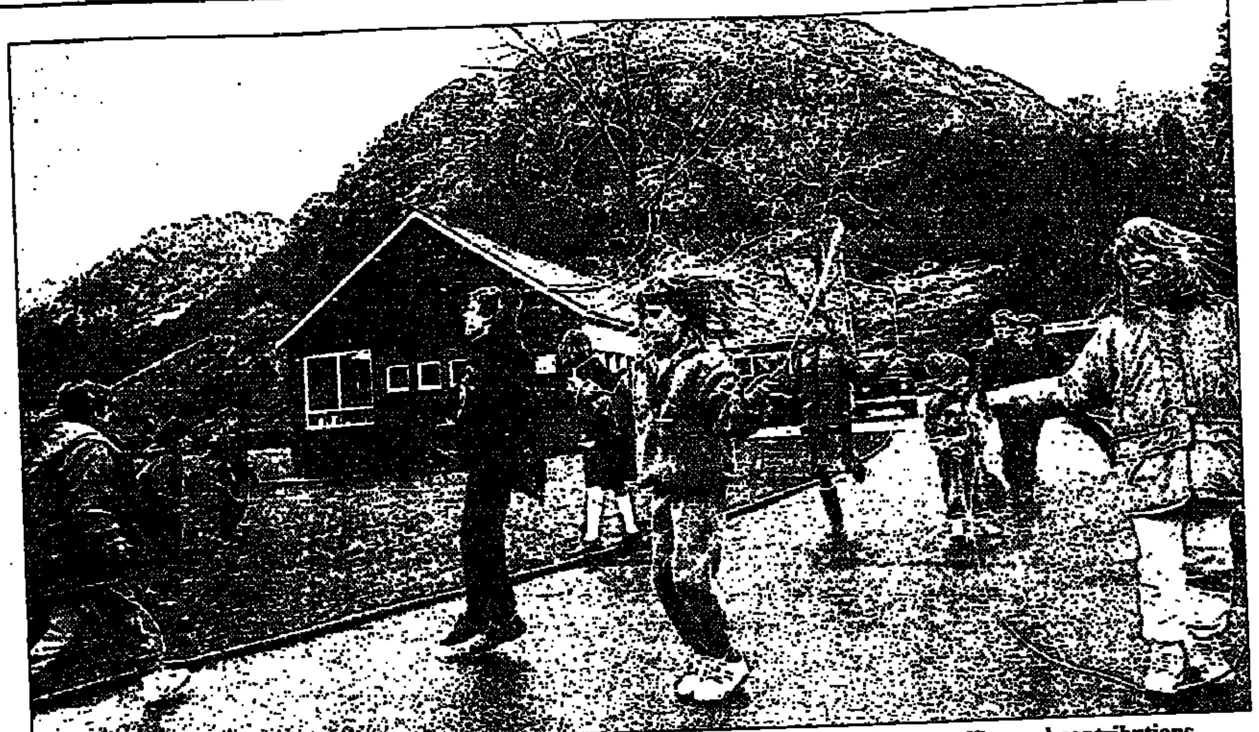
This year Borrowdale became subject to the formula funding arrangement, introduced as part of the government's local management of schools, which ties a school's resources to the number of pupils it can attract. Faced with this, Colin Illman, the school's headmaster, called a community meeting in February 1990 to explain that the 1.2 teachers provided for by the formula would not be enough. "With the onset of the national curriculum and testing, I didn't think it would be possible. I work a 26-hour day as it is."

Reluctanctly, Borrowdale acknowledged that the shortfall could be met only with private resources to pay for more help. Donations from the school's existing trust and its local church St Andrew's were supplemented by raffles and covenanted contributions. More unusually, a precept of £3 a head was added to the local community charge, after a referendum indicated 85 per cent approval for the idea. In all, each of Borrowdale's 340 registered voters now pays about £34 a year towards the school's upkeep.

Formula funding, Mr Illman said, calculates teachers' pay with reference to an average wage irrelevant to a small school such as his, which employs a headmaster and a senior primary teacher. "I read of teachers' pay rises with trepidation," he said. "Every pound put on my wages is another pound the school has to find." By April 1992, his budget will have been reduced by 60 per cent.

Parents are anxious not to surrender the gentle community spirit of the school to bureaucratic rationalisation. There are normally two classes, with children aged up to seven in one, and those aged 7-11 in the other. A French and music teacher works two days a week, a special needs teacher is there every day and a welfare assistant spends 20 hours a week with one child. Parents also help out.

Anne Cornthwaite, a mother of three, said: "I value what's available here and appreciate it. For the primary age it's a lot better to be in a smaller group." If the school closed, her four-year-old daughter Arabella would have to travel six miles to Keswick each day.


ERIC WHITEHEAD

Fighting back: Borrowdale primary school, Cumbria, saved from closure by local raffles and contributions

The Rural Development Commission argues that Bofrowdale epitomises the plight of small rural schools throughout Cumbria. Of the 300 primary schools in the county, 70 have fewer than 50 pupils, partly because the shortage of affordable homes in some areas has driven young families into the towns. In Borrowdale, for example, a small three-bedroom cottage costs up to £130,000 and the location of the valley in the Lake District national park means that planning permission for new housing is often refused.

The commission says that the government's education policy should take greater account of rural factors, the problems of access to remote areas and the desire to keep communities integrated. "What people see is the beauty of where you're living," says Bob Clark, a local farmer who is economic development officer for the commission. "They don't see the problem of living in a remote area." The county council agrees that the formula funding mechanism is insensitive to the needs of smaller, isolated schools, which cannot necessarily draw upon private industry for additional resources, and, as in Borrowdale, must rely on local people's generosity. An education department grant of £500,000 made in 1988 to help smaller schools in Cumbria has dried up, and the county council is planning to deduct at least £2 million from its education budget.

"It's going to get more and more difficult because of the needs of the national curriculum," said John Burnett, the council's chief executive. "The whole pace of change in education has gone too far."

Borrowdale's fight to save the valley school is typical of local action in Cumbria, where many communities are assisting financially troubled schools. But Mr Illman is anxious that Borrowdale's fundraising achievements should not be treated as a precedent for the semi-privatisation of small rural schools, a point he made to Michael Fallon when the junior education minister visited the school recently.

Heath draws the line at women whips

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EDWARD Heath suggested to the Commons committee working on a reform of parliamentary hours that the number of MPs should be cut by one third.

The former prime minister, who has clocked up 41 years in the Commons and shows no sign of retiring, did not say which of his 649 colleagues he would dispense with.

When asked by Marion Roe, Conservative MP for Broxbourne, about the particular problems of women MPs, he sat silent before the committee for a minute. Then he replied that he had done his best for the "ladies in the House" during his time as party leader, prime minister and chief whip. After all, he had organised the selection of the first woman deputy Speaker. What about a woman in the Tory whips' office, she persevered.

Roe: raised the question of women as whips

Here Mr Heath tempered his enthusiasm: "It is very hard with the language. I think it is far more effective for a woman to woo a whip than to be in the whips' office."

Sir Freddy Warren, formerly the official in charge of the covert deals between the parties, once said, according to Mr Heath: "Whipping, like stripping, should be done in private."

A few hours before delivering his treatise in the Commons on the future of Europe, Mr Heath, MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, examined the decline of the British parliament since he entered in 1950. Once the House echoed to the oratory of great trade union leaders and the great captains of industry, he said. Parties co-operated to see through necessary reforms; oppositions brought such pressure to bear on occasion that the government of the day had to change its mind.

Now there was mass lobbying, select committees, guillotines, mounds of ill-prepared bills and hot, sticky and bad tempered MPs sitting into late July. "The mood of the House is purely cantankerous."

The committee has been toying with the idea of shorter speeches to cut the sitting hours. Mr Heath said an MP could not make an impact on the government in ten minutes.

Meacher acts on pensions

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership is considering banning companies from taking "contribution holidays" from their pension funds unless they have protected existing pensioners from inflation.

In a speech yesterday Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, outlined Labour proposals to create a "level playing field" between private and occupational pensions.

A Labour survey last year of 20 of the largest employers in the country found that three quarters had a surplus in their pension fund, four fifths had taken a contribution holiday for themselves — nearly always without one for the employees — and yet one third were raising pension payments by less than inflation.

"Our view is that pensioners should have first call on any surplus in a scheme until their pensions are fully indexed," Mr Meacher told the autumn conference of the National Association of Pensions Funds in London. Labour's goal was to index payments to retail prices.

Mr Meacher repeated Labour's pledges to end the 2 per cent inducement for people to opt out of the state earnings-related scheme and to require private pension providers to guarantee a minimum pension.

MoD will deduct tax at source

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SERVICEMEN living in barracks or married quarters will not be billed directly for the council tax by local councils, the government made clear yesterday. Payments will be made directly to local authorities by the Ministry of Defence and recouped from servicemen through accommodation charges.

The new system, a reversion to the one that used to apply under the rates, will end direct billing of servicemen for the poll tax, which had caused administrative difficulties for senior officers struggling to keep track of a constantly shifting population, and had led to many servicemen being summonsed to magistrates' courts.

Robert Key, a junior environment minister, told the Commons committee scrutinising the council tax legislation that service personnel and their families were in a unique position. They had little or no say over where they lived, were posted often and usually paid uniform accommodation charges.

The change was welcomed by Keith Mans, Conservative MP for Wyre, who has campaigned for concessions for servicemen. "It's a huge step in the right direction," he said. "It's much simpler and it means the average squaddie is not going to receive a bill himself."

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Hurd rebukes Thatcher for being 'a shade wobbly'

Hurd tells the House that he is instinctively against a referendum because it would seem MPs were dodging their responsibilities

MARGARET Thatcher was rebuked by the foreign secretary yesterday over her call for a referendum if the three main political parties decided to support European monetary union.

Douglas Hurd, opening the second day of the Commons debate on Europe, told MPs: "I am just a little sad that she seems to have become a shade wobbly on this subject."

Nobody had argued against the idea with more energy than Mrs Thatcher had in 1975 when she led Tory MPs opposing Harold Wilson's referendum on Europe. Then she had quoted Lord Attlee as saying referendums were a device of dictators and demagogues.

Mr Hurd said that he was instinctively against the idea of a referendum because it seemed that the Commons was dodging its responsibility when decisions were particularly important or difficult.

Opening the debate, **Mr Hurd** said that the British debate about Europe was sometimes too defensive. "We too often represent ourselves as in some way under siege as if we were concerned only about the pace at which we yield to opinions and interests across the Channel which are basically unsatisfactory and hostile. I think that defensive note is well astray if you look at some of the main decisions of the Community in recent years."

Outlining how achievements had been made at other summits after hard arguments, he said: "We are still in the arguing stage before Maastricht, but we hope that the process will follow and the result will be satisfactory."

Mr Hurd described Neil Kinnock's speech on Wednesday as amazing, saying: "At times, it did seem as if Tory MPs were pouring salvoes into a grievously stricken vessel.

"I came to the conclusion that we would never hear him make a good speech on Europe. It is partly because the actual subject matter is confusing for him and I do not criticise him for that. I share that feeling really quite often.

"It is mainly because he is fatally weighed down by his own past. The vessel is waterlogged before it even leaves the harbour. The Labour party has changed its policy seven times *on Europe in recent years. You* might have thought that by the mere rules of chance they would have lighted on some good arguments. But they are consistent only in being wrong."

They had rejected the Community for the wrong reasons and were now embracing it for the wrong reasons: an itch to intervene in industry, to regulate at the expense of jobs and to impose worker representatives on boards. "That is why they are wholly unconvincing, even incredible, both at home and abroad on this subject."

Mr Hurd said that he was instinctively against a referendum. "It seems to me that the line of democratic accountability runs from the government to this House and from this House to those who sent us here. If we take ourselves in effect out of this line because the decisions are particularly important or particularly difficult, it does seem to me that we are dodging part of our responsibility.

"I respect the counter-arguments, although I disagree with those who argue that a referendum should be part of our constituion. But those who favour this argue that this change must be a considered change and there is no case for introducing a referendum because of a particular issue."

Nowhere, he went on, had this case, against introducing a referendum, been put with more energy than on March 11, 1975, by Margaret Thatcher when she had led Tory MPs into the lobbies against Harold Wilson's device of a referendum on Europe. She had quite correctly quoted Dicey, the authority on constitutional law, which she cited on Wednesday when urging a referendum, as someone who could be used on both sides of the argument.

She had also quoted Lord Attlee as saying that a referendum was a device of dictators and demagogues.

To laughter from all around the House, Mr Hurd added: "I am just a little sad that she seems to have become a shade wobbly on this subject."

***Norman Tebbit**, Tory MP for* Chingford, said that a voter at the time of Britain's entry could choose between a main party that accepted the proposition and another that rejected it. "Does he not understand that at the next election, a voter who wishes to put his vote against this proposed treaty will not be able to find a party, with a remote hope of of being in government, to vote for."

Mr Hurd said that in 1975 the leaders of all the main parties had been in favour of the yes vote. But he was not dismissing the argument. He just believed the line of accountability ran as he had already described. "It is through us: and we are responsible to people who can quite rightly throw us out if we pursue policies with which they disagree. And parties however mighty have to pay careful attention to that fact."

Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton, asked whether referendums were not part of the constitution. There had already been referendums over the European Community and over devolution.

Mr Hurd said: "I do not accept that it is part of our constitution for the reason I have given and I do not think it is the right way to proceed in a parliamentary democracy."

Mr Hurd said that when something was agreed to in Community law, Britain stuck by that agreement. The agreement was quickly turned into British law and government and the courts enforced it. One of the main criticisms of the Community was that Britain acted in this way and others did not.

"Our record is second to none," he said. The most recent figures showed only one European court judgment outstanding against us. The European court had referred to Britain's exemplary conduct in applying the law. "We would regard it as progress if others began to compete." Germany had 12 judgments outstanding, Belgium 13 and Italy 37.

At present, the only sanction against a member state was to bring the state before the court, but the new treaty would allow the court to impose a fine if a country did not comply. That was a proposal made by Britain and was accepted. It would give the court the teeth it needed.

The foreign secretary said that one of the most difficult problems was the position of refugees who abused the system. When an applicant failed in one Community country, he crossed the frontier to another. The Community had agreed in the Dublin convention to put an end to it and we must do more.

This was a European problem. We wanted to see the 12 respond with better co-ordination, but not central direction. Inter-governmental co-operation was not less effective and European for being outside the Treaty of Rome and the European court. Police forces worked better if they worked directly together.

Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East and a longstanding opponent of the EC, asked if Britain supported the Brussels proposal for European Union citizenship.

Mr Hurd said that support for it would not detract from British citizenship.

The same arguments applied to the strengthening of European foreign policy. Already the practice went beyond the coordination envisaged and enshrined in the Single European Act. Britain often committed itself to joint action in many areas because it made sense and, once we agreed, we honoured the commitment. Nobody was proposing a system that would prevent Britain from, for example, liberating the Falklands. Nobody was trying to foist a foreign policy on us. The policy of joint action determined by unanimity was accepted.

There was a proposal that decisions on secondary issues might be taken by majority vote. Britain was not persuaded that the distinction between the two types of decision could be made to stick.

There was, as yet, no satisfactory answer on how to distinguish between the decisions. The onus must be on those who wanted the change to justify it. That was the position he had explained to Britain's partners when they met last week.

Pat Duffy, a former Labour defence minister, said that there was a suggestion that the French might still attempt to separate European defence from Nato.

"If they do we shall resist," **Mr Hurd** said. "The principles on which we are operating on defence are absolutely clear. Any common defence policy must be compatible with Nato."

Michael Grylls (Surrey North-west, C) said that many believed that it was of prime importance to get proper enforcement of internal market legislation and they were worried about moving to new programmes before completing present legislation.

Mr Hurd replied that there was much truth in that. It was one reason that he had said the IGCs (inter-governmental conferences) had come too soon. They had benefited from the fact that the Community was bound by the treaty to be open to new European members and it was their duty and interest to see that the benefits of the Community were available to all states qualified for membership.

People grew closer when governments removed barriers between them and not when they tried to dissolve into one. That was a point on which the House was pretty well at one, and it was crucial in the negotiations. Some things were best done by the Community and others by co-operation between member states. That was a crucial distinction.

In issues such as foreign policy, and law and order, it made more sense to strengthen co-operation between states which had the last word for themselves. The latest draft, by the Luxembourg presidency, preserved that distinction and was based on a concept of separate pillars. It was far from perfect and Britain could not accept it as it stood for several important reasons, but the basic structure was right. That basic structure created sadness among true federalists.

In Europe there were many ways of working together. Britain had usually been concerned with practicalities: the next step, the next few years, rather than the larger scene, the indefinite future, but it was right from time to time to raise their sights and look at that future. A debate of the substance of the present one should make them all think of the real interests of their constituencies.

They wanted a rising standard of living, brought about by investment and through open markets. Would that be possible by standing aside while others built an economic system without Britain?

Their constituents undoubtedly wanted an effective influence for Britain in the world. He was clear that, not in all, but in many sectors, that influence was best exercised in concert with their European partners. They had to help forward the democracies of Eastern Europe and to try to rescue Yugoslavia from chaos and bloodshed and to prevent the countries of the Soviet Union from going down to bankruptcy.

They would be ineffective or worse if they tried to work apart or in rivalry. That was one *lesson of this century and it had* been dinned into him over and over again by the experiences of the past two years.

He had spent less time in Community meetings than many other MPs but had done enough to have many memories of frustration and exasperation. "I am no blind worshipper of the Community and its work. We have tried to do something unique in history. There are no precedents in the history of, say the United States, Canada, Germany or the Soviet Union which can serve us.

"But the need to find the right way of working together is compelling. If we neglect that need or pretend that it does not exist, if we claim that isolation from this common European work is feasible or profitable for us, then in my view we are not defending the interests of our constituents but deserting them. We are not preserving the strength of this country but weakening it."

If too much doctrine was pressed on them at Maastricht, they would not accept it. "We are right to put forward our arguments with all the persuasive force that we can muster."

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said that the Community was likely to expand to 18 or 20, stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals and from the Artic Circle to the Bosphorus.

It would be a community of sovereign states, not a superstate. It would not be possible, even if it were de*sirable, to hold it together* through the tight control of a bureaucratic Commission. It would require not only more effective national parliaments, but Europe-wide institutions to administer it. Such a Europe would require a more deeply entrenched and persuasive democracy at national and European levels.

One country at the ministerial council should not be able to hold up the progress of the Community as a whole. That was why on social and environment matters Labour believed that there should be qualified majority voting in the ministerial council.

Labour believed that the scope of the ministerial council ought to be extended and common foreign and security policies ought to be developed, although he conceded that it would take some time to work out them out.

A more democratic Community could not continue to accommodate a non-democratic Commission and that was why his party wanted to make it more democratically accountable. Since it could not be accountable to national parliaments, it ought to be accountable to the European parliament.

He added that the powers of the parliament should be extended to the initiation of legislation.

Labour's charge against the government was that it had no positive proposals for Maastricht. All the prime minister had done the previous day was to say what he could not accept. When asked what were the government's aims and objectives, the prime minister evaded the question. They still did not know what the aims and objectives were. After three ministerial speeches they still did not know whether the government would veto a treaty with the word federal in it.

Mr Hurd intervened to say the question had been answered three times. The answer was that they could not accept a treaty that contained either a commitment at the beginning to a federal vocation, or left the question at the end which implied that there must be movement towards federalism.

Mr Kaufman said that Mr Hurd had given a "circumlocuitous" reply to a question he had not asked. "Will the government at Maastricht veto a treaty that contains federal in it? Yes or no?"

Mr Hurd replied: "I have said yes three times. It occurs twice in the present draft and I have explained why it is not acceptable. What would he do in the circumstances? It seemed to be implied by the leader of the Opposition yesterday that this federal vocation is no obstacle to him. Is that true?

Mr Kaufman, to a background of interruptions and shouts from Tory benches, said that Mr Hurd had still not answered what he had been asked. Would they veto a treaty with the word federal in it?

Mr Hurd remained in his seat and although Tristan Garel-Jones, a foreign office minister, sought to intervene, Mr Kaufman said: "No, not the office boy."

Mr Kaufman said that Mrs Thatcher had been pitched out of office exactly a year ago for saying "no no no" on Europe. Yet the government had not advanced beyond that. "She said 'no no no' out of firm conviction. She said it because she believed it. She challenged everyone: the Community, Parliament, her own party. It may have been war but in a way it was magnificent.

"The present prime minister says 'no no no' not out of conviction or out of courage. He says it . . . because he is afraid of his own party. You could never accuse Mrs Thatcher of that."

He derided Mr Major's motion as "meaningless", one for which Norman Tebbit, opposed to a single currency, and Edward Heath, in favour of one, could both vote for.

Edward Heath said his heart had "leapt with joy" when Mr Major had declared himself to be at the heart of Europe. The former prime minister said he welcomed the fact that the three main parties now were all agreed on the importance of Europe.

He emphasised that the Paris summit in October 1972 had aimed for a European union. "It was not a question of economic or political or monetray union. It was complete European union. That has been the objective of the other countries in the community ever since that time."

Mr Tebbit, citing Mr Heath's words in a debate in 1970, asked: "If he was so keen then to forgo their federal destination, why is he so keen that they should now take it up?"

Mr Heath said, to laughter, that he would deal with that, knowing it to be an obsession with Mr Tebbit.

Mr Heath said it must be quite clear that on any economic basis if we were to have a single market with all the obstructions removed there was no alternative to a single currency. "That is plain."

The question was the way it was to be brought in and the timing. "The quicker the time comes for a single currency, the better," he said. The time schedule was going to shortened at every stage. "Can you imagine a situation where our partners have a single currency and our businessmen are left out. It is unthinkable."

If those businesses were to take advantage of what the Community offered, they had to be part of the single currency and its machinery. How would it be possible to make the City of London the financial capital of the Community if we were outside the single currency? It was not feasible.

On sovereignty, Mr Heath said the fact was that we had already pooled it to the Community. "We knew we would be doing it." It gave us a say over other people's sovereignty and it would continue to develop rapidly to the benefit of this country and the Community as a whole.

Mr Heath said he had agreed when Harold Wilson had said that he would not tolerate a referendum. But there had later been pressure and Labour had held one. It had then been said it would not occur again, but it was now being said it was part of the constitution.

"I am a simple fellow. I was brought up to believe that we did not have a constitution, so I do not see how it can be part of it."

He then quoted an earlier speech by Mrs Thatcher, when she said of a referendum: "It would bind and fetter parliamentary sovereignty in practice."

Mr Heath commented, to laughter: "I agree with her entirely. I see no reason to change that view, or her view at this moment or in future. I do not believe in referendums as a means of government."

There were gasps and claps when Mrs Thatcher intervened: "I know that I inherited that position from him and I loyally upheld it. May I ask him now: it looks to me as if the three parties are going to be for a single currency and for sacrificing a great deal of work which has previously been the right of Parliament. How are the people to make their views known? That is a particular point and he will remember that Lord Hailsham [of St Marylebone] made a very interesting speech about elective dictatorship."

She reminded Mr Heath that he had been *in Parliament* longer than she and repeated her question: how could the people make their views known when the parties presented the same view, but when each was divided?

Mr Heath: This constantly occurs in parliamentary history.

Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton NW, C): Rubbish.

Mr Heath: Such a limited vocabulary.

They can make their views known in a variety of ways and can judge candidates on a number of questions. He quoted Lord Attlee's view that referendums were for demagogues and dictators and said that, as in so many other things, although he had not had the credit, Lord Attlee had been right.

He ended by offering his strong support to Mr Major.

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MARC ASPLAND

Windswept warrior: Norman Tebbit photographed at Westminster before the Commons debate on Europe

Hurd: we should not be so defensive

Kaufman: majority voting needed on social policy

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Cardiff Bay barrage bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Further and higher education (Scotland) bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debates on Opposition motions on housing and on sport.
Thursday: Proceedings on the Welsh Development Agency bill.
Friday: Debate on private member's motion on employment.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on Maastricht summit.
Tuesday: Nurses, midwives and health visitors bill, committee.
Wednesday: Debates on pollution and energy use and on youth training.
Thursday: Offshore safety bill. committee.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on nuclear defence.

Referendums keep alight fires of dissent

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A REFERENDUM on Britain's place in the European Community is back on the political agenda. Thanks to Margaret Thatcher, Norman Tebbit and a growing realisation among the Euro-sceptics that John Major is likely to come back from Maastricht with an historic agreement on economic and monetary union, the people could again be invited to pronounce on the country's destiny.

Harold Wilson, for one, would be surprised to find that EC matters might again prove a cuckoo in the nest of the British constitution. Some 16 years ago after a bitterly fought campaign that ended with a 2:1 majority in favour *of continued membership, the* then prime minister declared that the plebiscite had ended 14 years of national argument. As the events of the past few weeks have again demonstrated, it did no such thing. Rather than being a recipe for ending division, a referendum would be a fertile new breeding ground for conflict.

A glance back at the 1975 contest, called by Mr Wilson as a way of resolving the feuding within his own ranks over British membership of what the left derided as a "capitalist club", leaves little doubt about the scope for growth of hostilities.

The wording of the referendum question, the conduct of the ballot and the declaration of the result, the latitude allowed ministers to campaign against the party line, allegations of real or imagined *dirty tricks, and the role of the* party machines were just some of the issues that provoked controversy when the last Labour government found itself trying to come to terms with Brussels.

Nor should anyone rely too much on the fact that, as Mr Major belatedly made clear yesterday, the government is opposed to a referendum. In 1970, Mr Wilson said that he would not "trim" on the question to win votes. It took Tony Benn, then, as now, one of the leading advocates of popular democracy, two years to persuade him, the shadow cabinet and the national executive to change their minds.

The wording of the ballot paper was a central point of contention in the Seventies. Initially, the government proposed to ask the people: "Do you think the United King*dom should stay in the European* Community? Yes; No."

Today, it seems innocuous enough, but in the fevered atmosphere of the Wilson cabinet, where ministers were split 16:7 in favour of membership, it provoked bitter divisions. The anti-Europeans claimed that the proposition was loaded because it made no reference to their dismissive epithet "common market". After a fierce internal struggle, this dated term was wrapped in brackets and tacked onto the end of the sentence.

Given the complexities of a single currency, central bank and a federal Europe, the room for argument now about the phrasing of any appeal to the electorate is far greater.

Mr Wilson's rules for dissenting ministers, intended to make them toe the party *line when* speaking in the Commons and maintain a semblance of party unity in public, were another bone of contention. They were too much for the late Eric Heffer. He became one of a long list of European martyrs when he was dismissed from his industry post for defying the prime minister openly.

Later, the rules were relaxed when the pro-European majority in the cabinet complained that the prime minister's refusal to let them engage their anti-market ministerial colleagues on public platforms meant that their case was going by default.

Mr Wilson also had to abandon plans to hold a single national count at Earls Court and declare a result for the country at large. After a backbench Labour revolt, he had to concede local counts and declarations.

Mr Major has reasons enough for opposing a referendum. Commons veterans can give him many more.

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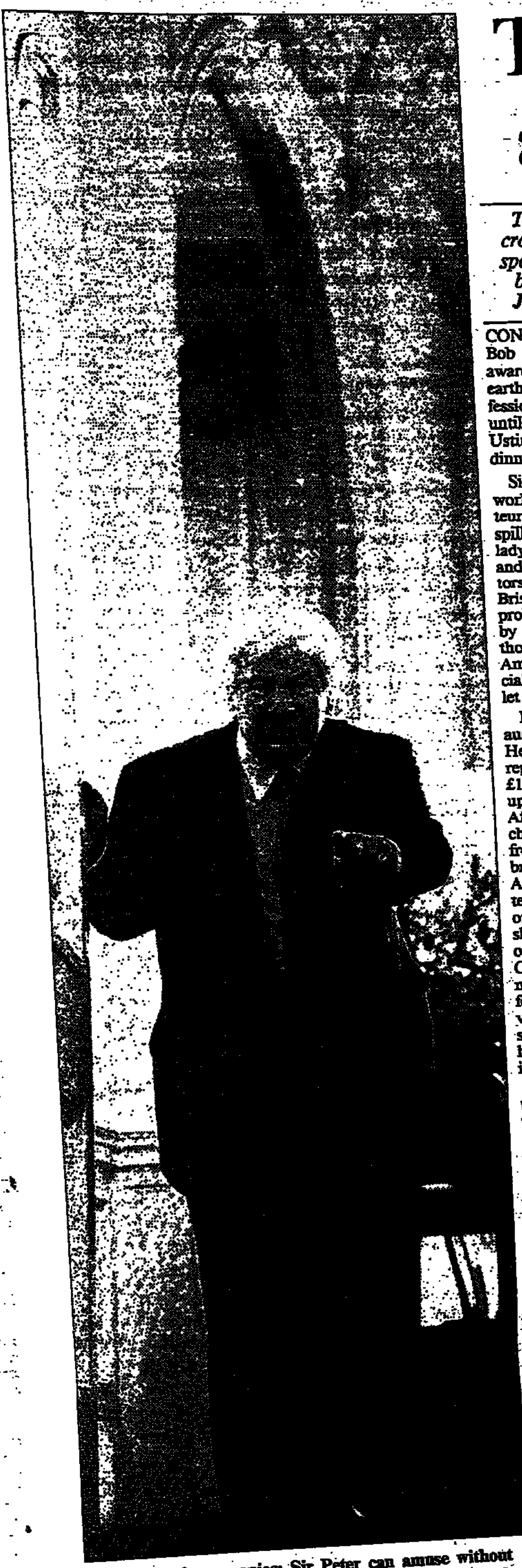
Toastmasters raise a glass to Ustinov

The cream of the crop of after-dinner speakers has finally been recognised, ***Joe Joseph*** *writes*



Master of ceremonies: Sir Peter can amuse without telling jokes, and earns about £15,000 for each speech

CONSIDERING that even Bob Monkhouse won the award a few years ago, why on earth did the Guild of Professional Toastmasters wait until yesterday to fête Sir Peter Ustinov as Britain's best after-dinner speaker for 1990?

Sir Peter is possibly the world's most natural raconteur. You can imagine him spilling out anecdotes to the lady at the local dry cleaner's and to bemused ticket collectors on the Paddington to Bristol train. On quiet days he probably buttonholes passers-by on the street, like one of those famous people in American Express commercials: you don't know me, but let me tell you an anecdote.

His skill lies in holding an audience without telling jokes. He does it so well that he is reputed to earn at least £15,000 each time he stands up in a tuxedo to the munch of After Eights. He meanders, changing voices, skipping from one country to another, bringing strangers to life. Accepting the award yesterday, he spoke of how he was once called to give a talk at short notice in Japan on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: not all that funny a subject, few boo-boom jokes, but a very funny speech. It looked sufficiently off-the-cuff to have been rehearsed diligently in private beforehand.

Bob Monkhouse, by contrast, signals to his audience that he has delivered another punchline by adopting a peculiar blank expression, as if he had just swallowed an eyeball. But perhaps, after a few large brandies, some people need to be told when the joke has been delivered.

Monkhouse is very popular on the after-dinner circuit, commanding fees of about £7,000, according to toastmasters. He can, by request, be even bluer than Margaret Thatcher, who will nowadays break bread with anyone willing to pay between £15,000 and £20,000 to hear her views. Since these views are, by and large, the same ones she handed out free until last year, the diners who invite her are presumably either spendthrifts or people who have not read a newspaper for the past decade. Ted Heath, whose ideas have also weathered well under varnish, only gets £10,000 to £15,000, which proves there is a limit to what even spendthrifts will listen to over and over again.

Mrs Thatcher is one of the few women to have broken into this largely male world. The cricketer Rachael Heyhoe Flint is also popular, although she does have an unusual selling point. At around £600 a speech, Edwina Currie is also for hire (providing there are no chips or unpasteurised eggs on the menu), although she ran into trouble in 1988 when a mob of drunk businessmen brought her close to after-dinner tears.

Mrs Currie's plight was a lesson for would-be speakers. One thing worse than having to watch other people speak with their mouths full is having to speak to other people while their mouths are full. The heckling can get fierce. Professionals come with a few put-downs in their pocket ("Not only the walls are plastered" apparently works).

Mild-mannered men, such as Frank Muir and Denis Norden, who do not attract much heckling from the audience (unless they hesitate, deviate or repeat themselves), are said to earn about £5,000 a go. at the microphone. The better known sports stars pull in between £2,000 and £3,000. The ever-reliable Brian Johnston will tell tales from Lord's for £1,500 to £2,000.

Ivor Spencer, president of the guild, and the man who presented yesterday's award to Sir Peter, says the key of a good speech is to have "a brilliant beginning, a brilliant ending and to keep them as close as possible". He has heard more than 40,000 speeches in his 38 years as a toastmaster, many of them stupefyingly dull. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, himself a past winner of the guild's best after-dinner speaker award, called Mr Spencer a masochist.

It is because of the lack of brilliant speakers that the best are paid so well and, for foreign bookings, are flown around the world on Concorde and put up at the best hotels. Many do several speeches a week. If you cannot find, or cannot afford, the real thing for your company do, you can now hire the puppets used on *Spitting Image* to talk you through the port.

But toastmasters don't just shout "pray silence" every so often and then bite their lips. Sometimes they bite back. David Tilt, from Worcester, is an ex-army officer who took up toastmastering in 1987. He barks at about 120 company dinners and barmitzvahs a year. "But I also do a lot of speaking myself, to ladies at lunches: groups like the Rotarians and the Women's Institute. I talk to them about the business of being a professional toastmaster."

Warsaw pirates plunder West's glitzy goodies

The West wants action over the Polish ignoring of copyright, writes ***Roger Boyes***

Cicciolina: victim of the cultural freebooters

ALISTAIR MacLean, the novelist, Whitney Houston, the pop singer, and Cicciolina, the Italian porno-politician, are among the many victims of pirate raids by Poland's budding capitalists.

The Jolly Roger was hoisted over Eastern Europe only a matter of months after the collapse of communist rule. Anti-communist underground activists who used to translate and publish subversive or merely entertaining texts without worrying too much about such niceties as copyright became overground entrepreneurs. The result has been a cultural revolution.

Copied videos, compact discs and computer programs are being snapped up at a fraction of Western prices. Foreign bestsellers are translated, printed and distributed by street-corner vendors within three months compared to five years under communism.

Western authors and performers are beginning to realise that they are losing a substantial amount of money in the East as freebooters become rich at their expense. A year ago it would have seemed churlish to insist on royalty payments; now the West is pressing for action. Robert Mosbacher, the American commerce secretary, has gone so far as to warn Poland that it should not count on receiving American investment unless it cracks down on the cultural pirates.

Knowing that any concert will be bootlegged and sold on the streets within a week, many performers are refusing to visit Poland, which controls the East European market for illegally copied compact discs. But Polish pirates also dominate the East's pornographic industry.

Every year about 50,000 copied videos are smuggled from Poland into the Soviet Union, where they are sold for huge sums on the black market.

But the fiercest battles are being fought on the book market. Gig, a private publisher specialising in popular literature, holds the right to all of Alistair MacLean's works in Poland. MacLean and such other writers as Frederick Forsyth, Robert Ludlum and Jackie Collins are big moneyspinners on the Polish market. But months before Gig was about to publish MacLean's book, *Circus*, a pirate company brought it out in a cheaper and glossier edition.

Gig took the pirates to court. Most publishers, however, do not bother. For one thing, the pirates are difficult to find. If they can be brought to trial, the pirates resort to another useful feature of capitalism — they declare themselves bankrupt.

In the face of growing Western unrest, Poland is to strengthen its copyright laws. The period of protection for a literary work will be extended from 25 to 50 years, and stealing copyright will be punishable by up to two years in jail. But most Poles and, indeed, many lawyers, do not take the pirates too seriously, believing that they perform a reasonably useful function: providing Western culture at affordable prices.

Voice of 'Strine' drowned by tones of plummy Poms

Robert Cockburn *looks at the middle class which has turned Australia upside down*

During a party in the exclusive Sydney suburb of Double Bay, a friend revealed she is taking elocution lessons to get rid of her Aussie accent. A new snobbery is sweeping Australia.

Along with self-conscious dislike of "Strine" goes a professed love of English literature: Evelyn Waugh and Wodehouse (invariably pronounced "Woadhouse") take precedence over local authors such as Patrick White and Thomas Keneally. Even snobbish Australians still sneer at Poms and love to beat them at cricket. But they can no longer do without the finer points of Pommie culture: *The Economist*, *Private Eye*, *The Spectator*. There is even a pizza joint in the gentrified end of tough Darlinghurst that provides *Country Life* to read while you wait for fast food.

Australia, the workers' paradise, is being replaced by the world of Wodehouse, or what sociologists identify as "the new middle class" of Australia. "There is a growing middle class," Professor John Western of Queensland University said yesterday. Australians are more class-conscious now. But they are also more aware of other divisions such as gender and ethnicity." The professor an expert on class in contemporary Australia, says: "The image of Australia as a workers paradise never existed in reality. The image of social equality is a myth."

With Australia going through the worst recession since the 1930s, there is a shrinking number of working class jobs in any case. Almost ten per cent of the workforce are without a job. The end of many traditional, manual and semi-skilled jobs, has given way to high technology occupations, breeding an Australian yuppie.

This is why the language is changing. "Strine" is disappearing. The hard Australian 'A', as in Paul Hogan's "G'Day", has been replaced by a soft "aah" sound. ABC newscasters speak of eating "pahstah" and paintings by "Picahso". Part of the reason for change, says Professor Ken Johnston of Sydney's Macquarie University, is that Australia has one of the highest levels of private education in the world.

The Labor party is adapting. The leader of the New South Wales Labor party, Bob Carr, has dared to shun the pubs and rugby league circuit, taking his recreation instead in a private supper club.

Bread? Let them eat caviare

Gourmets fear for the future of one of Russia's less basic exports, reports ***Robin Young***

WHILE Russians worry where their next loaf is coming from, people in the West have been getting excited about the effect that upheavals in the erstwhile Soviet Union might have on their supplies of caviare.

"Caviare could become as common as fish eggs," suggested *The Wall Street Journal* this week, claiming that as much as 1,850 tonnes of Russian caviare a year might now be released westwards in a desperate search for hard currency.

That, say caviare dealers in Britain, is a foolishly over-optimistic assumption. They claim the Americans have wildly overestimated the Russian catch and that any extra caviare that finds its way out will not be any good.

John Stas, director and general manager of W.G. White, the subsidiary of Associated Fisheries that is the official agent for Soviet caviare in the United Kingdom, says: "Lots of people are going to burn their fingers on this. Certainly there is going to be a vastly increased amount of black market caviare about, but people who see it as a quick way of making money will find that they cannot sell it because the product lacks all integrity. It has to be carefully transported and stored."

Peter Rebeiz of the Swiss company Caviar House says four-fifths of his supplies come from Iran. "The Russians net their fish in the rivers, which damages the roes. Then they have no refrigerated lorries, and only in Moscow have they any idea how to package, preserve and sell the product. We are still buying from Moscow, but it seems a miracle to me that any gets there at all."

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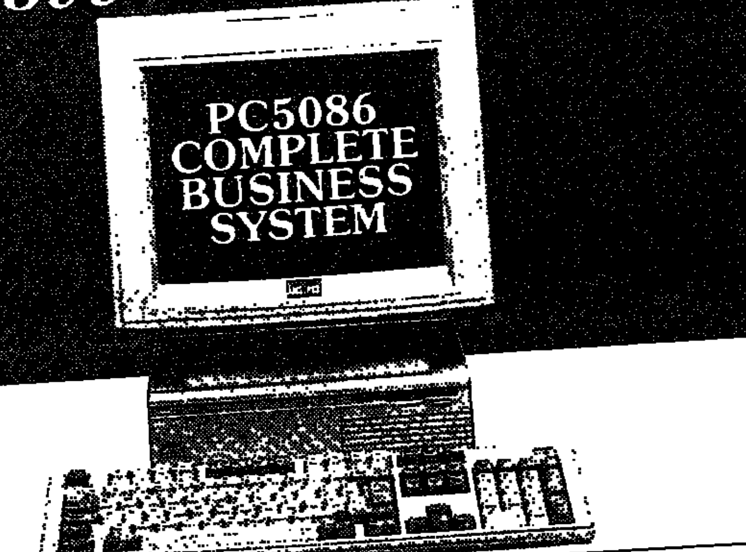

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Israeli Labour party papers over splits

From RICHARD BEESTON IN TEL AVIV

ISRAEL'S Labour party yesterday dropped its long-standing opposition to contacts with the banned Palestine Liberation Organisation when it presented its platform for next year's general election at the final session of a fraught three-day convention.

The move, which is seen as a gesture to the "dovish" members of the main opposition party who had earlier threatened to defect, succeeded in patching over deep ideological rifts within Labour's ranks. The party's manifesto also calls for a one-year freeze on the construction of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and for territorial compromise with the Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbours.

However, hardliners in the party, the so-called "hawks", also claimed a victory when delegates rejected the concept of Palestinian statehood.

Shimon Peres, the leader of the party, yesterday hailed the result as a victory for compromise and told the 2,300 delegates that Labour could reverse its current faltering fortunes and win the general election.

"Rather than competing over who has the largest wingspan, we should work together on getting into government," said Mr Peres, whose party currently trails the ruling Likud party by 15 percentage points in the latest polls. However, his optimism failed to address the widely perceived problem of Labour's identity crisis which has plagued the party for more than a decade. In particular, the fudged result on security did not bridge the growing divisions between the young, reformist movement in the party and the majority old-style socialists who continue to control the party apparatus through the Histadrut trade union congress.

Peres: failed to deal with party's identity crisis

The Labour party dominated the Jewish state's political world from the founding of Israel in 1948 until its defeat in the election of 1977. Although it was victorious in four wars against the Arabs, over the last 14 years it has lost its ideological direction and increasingly resembles the anachronistic socialist institutions of Eastern Europe.

"If Labour does not change, it is committing suicide," said Haim Ramon, the youthful leader of the reformist faction in the party, in a speech to the convention on Wednesday. "The writing is on the wall, even if you shut your eyes. It says that if we continue in this manner we will have no choice but to become a satellite of Likud." Mr Ramon has accused the leadership of failing to offer a credible alternative to the ideologically unshakeable Likud party, and advocates turning Labour into a modern social democratic party similar to those in Western Europe.

Exile ends: Son Sann, the former right-wing prime minister, in Phnom Penh yesterday after 16 years

Crime and big business both pay well in Japan

Joanna Pitman and David Watts trace the web linking Japan's big business to the even bigger crime syndicates

FURTHER evidence suggesting that Japan's financial institutions are operating hand in glove with the nation's underworld *Yakuza gangsters* emerged yesterday in a survey by the *Asahi* newspaper.

It showed that 17 financial institutions and four business firms provided loans and debt repayment guarantees worth two billion yen (some £8 million) to Yakuza groups under the direct command of the Yamaguchi Gumi, Japan's biggest crime syndicate. Gangster-owned buildings and plots of land were offered as collateral for the loans, according to the report.

The lenders, which include regional banks, credit unions and financial institutions such as leasing companies, claimed they had no idea of the underworld affiliations of their customers when they extended the loans. Strapped for lending business of any kind in the current economic slowdown, most have refused to cancel their loans. There are no laws in Japan that prohibit business deals with gangsters.

Despite his traditional image as a tightly permed, tattooed and fingerless hoodlum, today's financially savvy Yakuza is beginning to adopt a more sartorial appearance. Mobsters who want to get on these days wear pinstripe suits with their gangster affiliation pin in the lapel, and carry business cards just like any other salaried man.

But unlike other salaried men, the owner of a card marked with the Yamaguchi Gumi logo is likely to be rich. The Yakuza are now Japan's top corporate earners, netting profits last year of some £5.56 billion, more than eight times those of second-ranking Toyota Motor.

Much of their earnings still come from such illegal activities as gun-running, international drug dealing, prostitution and gambling. But the lure of easy money in Japan's over-valued financial and real estate markets during the "bubble economy" of the late 1980s has attracted hordes of ambitious gangsters, more interested in swap portfolios and the most lucrative margin business than in the number of severed finger trophies in their collection.

Unhappiness with these links between gangsters and the big financial houses manifested itself on the streets of Tokyo yesterday when hundreds of Japanese finance industry employees walked off the job to protest against them and to demand higher bonuses and shorter working hours.

1991 has been the year of the pinstripe Yakuza. Six months ago the presidents of Nomura Securities and Nikko Securities, two of Japan's top stockbroking firms, were forced to resign after it emerged that their affiliates had each lent two billion yen to Susumu Ishii, boss of the Inagawa Kai, Tokyo's largest mob. Like the firms cited in the *Asahi* survey, both presidents bowed out claiming they never knew they were dealing with gangsters.

Shady links with the underworld also hang over the prestigious Sumitomo group after revelations that its blue chip, Osaka-based trading company, Itoman, had appointed Suemitsu Ito as managing director. Mr Ito's close links with the Yakuza, which were well known in Osaka, brought shame to the group and forced its parent company, Sumitomo Bank, to come to its aid with a one trillion yen bail-out.

The degree to which Yakuza influence has spread through financial and real estate businesses can only be guessed at. According to one analyst, "every real estate company in Japan employs Yakuza, mostly at arm's length. The Yakuza strong-arm tactics are the only way they can persuade tenants to vacate buildings that obstruct major development sites."

East Timor killings put Canberra on the spot

From ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

GARETH Evans, the Australian foreign minister, once described his country as having the role of the world's "*good international citizen*", protecting human rights and the environment.

This week, in the aftermath of the Indonesian army killings in occupied East Timor, such claims have boomeranged on the Labor government. Its lone recognition of Indonesia's annexation of East Timor has damaged its image on human rights.

"The Dili massacre is East Timor's Sharpeville," said Keith Suter, a specialist in international law at Sydney University, yesterday. The government's ambivalence towards human rights is a source of growing anger at home, and protesters want tough action against Indonesia.

The killings in Dili also expose the gulf between *Australia's image abroad and* the blind eye it turns to violations closer to home. Australia is on trial in the International Court in The *Hague over two issues it* purports to champion — human rights and the environment.

Portugal, after years of inactivity, is taking a stand against Indonesia's occupation of its former colony, East Timor. The spur has been the world's "response" to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Portugal has also criticised Australia for negotiating with Indonesia. Ever since Gough Whitlam, the former Labor prime minister, accepted Indonesia's annexation of East Timor in 1976, successive governments have followed suit. Since 1975, as many as about 200,000 East Timorese are estimated to have died out of a population of 600,000.

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Hollywood bows to Tokyo's ways

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

The eve of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor was not the ideal occasion for America to hear about a baseball player begging forgiveness for showing disrespect towards the Japanese.

The incident, which has sparked indignation in bars and on sports radio stations *this week, comes from Mr Baseball*, a film starring Tom Selleck as a genial player who joins a Japanese team after being sacked by *the New York* Yankees. A Hollywood film which shows a hero of America's sacred sport deferring to Japanese prowess would be bad *enough, but what is* touching the rawest nerves is a suspicion that American film-makers have succumbed to Japanese censorship.

Mr Baseball is the first big-budget film set in Japan to have been made by one of the studios taken over in the recent Hollywood shopping spree by Japanese companies. Although Universal Pictures, owned by Matsushita Electric, denies any censorship, the film is being seen as a lesson for those who believe that the Japanese owners will keep their promise to stay out of the creative side of Hollywood.

In its original plot, the film was a comedy about the struggles of Jack, played by Selleck, in the face of the alien baseball culture of Japan, with its un-American submission of the individual to group harmony, face-saving and brutal physical training. Since Matsushita bought MCA, the parent company of Universal, the plot has become a tale of how Jack learns to respect the Japanese way. "I have been disrespectful to you in words and behaviour," Jack tells the manager. According to press accounts, the makers also dropped jokes about the second world war and changed Jack's lover from an independent-minded woman to a traditional type who teaches him Japanese wisdom.

Universal and Matsushita insist that the changes were aimed at making a better film and that no interference took place. They merely wanted to avoid stereotypes of the kind which upset the Japanese in *Black Rain*, a 1989 thriller made by Paramount. But Hollywood remembers that Akio Tanii, chairman of Matsushita, said last year his studio could never make a "Japan-bashing" film.

So far, Lew Wasserman and his American executives have been left in charge, but managers are being given a taste of Japanese ways. About 60 took part in a "group think" where they were lectured on *sushi* and the role of consensus-building in Japanese management.

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White House backs down on race issue

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

A DIVIDED, panicky White House yesterday beat a hurried retreat from politically explosive plans to order the elimination of government regulations authorising preferential employment practices for women and minorities.

News of the imminent directive, pushed by White House conservatives, leaked out on Wednesday night. It immediately provoked uproar among civil rights groups who accused President Bush of adopting the racial agenda of David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klansman who, although he lost the gubernatorial elections, achieved much success in Louisiana by exploiting white, working-class resentment of affirmative action programmes.

Early yesterday Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, announced that an "early draft" was being "widely misinterpreted" and that "the whole thing was being rewritten". The directive was supposed to be the administration's interpretation of a new civil rights law, to be signed by Mr Bush. Congress intended that law to overturn 1989 Supreme Court rulings making it harder to prove discrimination in the workplace.

The debacle was the latest in a series of actions, including cancellation of Mr Bush's South East Asia trip and this week's hesitation on credit card interest rates, that have betrayed disarray as the president's approval rating has slumped. Behind the bungles lie electoral considerations and a split between conservative and moderate Republicans on the explosive issue of racial quotas.

To address America's domestic problems and eager to distance himself from Mr Duke, Mr Bush suddenly backed down. He had long opposed the congressional civil rights legislation, persistently labelling it a "quotas bill" despite strenuous Democratic efforts to ensure it was not. Last month he announced that a compromise had been found.

Conservatives were furious. Mr Duke's showing in the governor's race and plans by Patrick Buchanan, the conservative columnist, to challenge him for the Republican presidential nomination increased pressure on Mr Bush to move to the right. The leaked directive was then drawn up. Mr Fitzwater denied Mr Bush had approved it.

The directive ordered all government agencies to review their equal employment rules, saying that "any regulation, rule, enforcement practice or other aspect of these programmes that mandates, encourages or otherwise involves the use of quotas, preferences, set-asides or other similiar devices on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex or national origin is to be terminated as soon as is legally feasible". On Wednesday night Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, said the White House was "declaring open war on civil rights".

He accused Mr Bush of surrendering to people like Mr Duke and Jesse Helms, the right-wing senator from North Carolina who has also exploited the quota issue. The White House was accused of seeking to thwart a congressional civil rights bill that it had been unable to stop. "How dumb do they think we are?" exclaimed Pat Schroeder, a Democratic congresswoman.

Acknowledging that alarm bells had sounded, Mr Fitzwater said the new statement would praise the accompanying civil rights bill, affirm Mr Bush's commitment to implementing it and restate his conviction that affirmative action was useful in guaranteeing opportunity.

Desert profit: camels gather on the sand dunes outside the small town of Pushkar in Rajasthan, western India, for the start of this week's camel fair. More than 15,000 will be bought and sold during the annual festival, which is being attended this year by 400,000 merchants and tourists

KGB saw Oswald as US spy

From Reuter in New York

THE KGB suspected Lee Harvey Oswald was an American spy when he defected to the Soviet Union and later top officials concluded he was incapable of acting alone to kill President Kennedy, according to ABC News.

This runs counter to the findings of the Warren Commission, which reported that Oswald had acted alone. The network obtained access to Oswald's Soviet secret police files and plans to broadcast its report in a one-hour programme tonight.

Tom Bettag, the programme's executive producer, said a reporter and a translator were allowed to read some of the files on Oswald in a locked room at KGB headquarters, but permission was withdrawn in mid-October. He said the files showed Oswald was suspected of being a spy when he defected to the Soviet Union in 1959. The KGB kept him under constant observation for the 2½ years he lived there. After the murder, some top KGB officials concluded that, based on his personality, Oswald was incapable of killing Kennedy alone.

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American forces to remain in Korea

London – America has postponed the withdrawal of its troops from South Korea because of North Korea's suspected development of nuclear weapons (David Watts writes). Making the announcement, Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, called a nuclear-armed North Korea "the most serious threat to peace and stability ... in East Asia".

He added: "In view of the dangers of nuclear proliferation in North Korea and the destabilising impact on north-east Asia ... it would be unwise to proceed with major reductions in this area now."

Japan revealed yesterday that North Korea has replaced the Soviet Union as the main threat to Japan.

Aids damages

Victoria – A court in British Columbia awarded more than one million Canadian dollars (£490,000) to a woman infected with Aids from artificial insemination. The jury ruled that Dr Gerald Korn, a Vancouver gynaecologist, had been negligent in trying to impregnate Kobe ter Neuzen, a nurse, in 1985. *(Reuter)*

Change of heart

Taipei – A Chinese hijacker who was granted asylum by Taiwan in 1984 has said he is unhappy with his treatment and will return to China next year. Zhuo Changren, who received a reward of about $115,000 (£64,000) when he defected, said the government had "failed to take good care of me". *(Reuter)*

Sudan airlift

Addis Ababa – The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees completed its biggest refugee airlift by returning the last of 50,000 Ethiopian soldiers from Sudan. The troops had taken refuge in Sudan after the regime of President Mengistu, their leader, collapsed in May. *(AFP)*

Libyan request

Tunis – Libya has asked for an emergency meeting of the Arab League to discuss accusations that it is responsible for the bombing of the Pan Am jet over Lockerbie in 1988, in which 270 people died, diplomatic sources said. *(Reuter)*

Pretoria talks open before Christmas

From Gavin Bell in Johannesburg

TWO YEARS after President de Klerk announced his intention to dismantle apartheid, South Africa's political leaders will assemble next month to decide what should replace it. The first round of formal negotiations on a new constitution will take place on December 20-21, it was announced yesterday. A preparatory meeting, expected to involve more than 20 parties, will be held on November 29.

The government, the African National Congress, and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom party said certain aspects still had to be agreed, notably venues. The smaller, more radical Pan Africanist Congress said it would attend the talks if they were held outside South Africa and under a neutral chairman from the Organisation of African Unity, the United Nations, or the Commonwealth.

The problems of drafting a non-racial constitution for this fractious society have been illustrated by bickering over who should organise the preliminary meeting. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, irritated by ANC suggestions that he align his party with the government, declared last week: "If we do not have a genuine three-way division of interests, and if there is not a three-way division of the electorate, there will be no real democracy." Another outstanding issue is what to call the constitutional conference.

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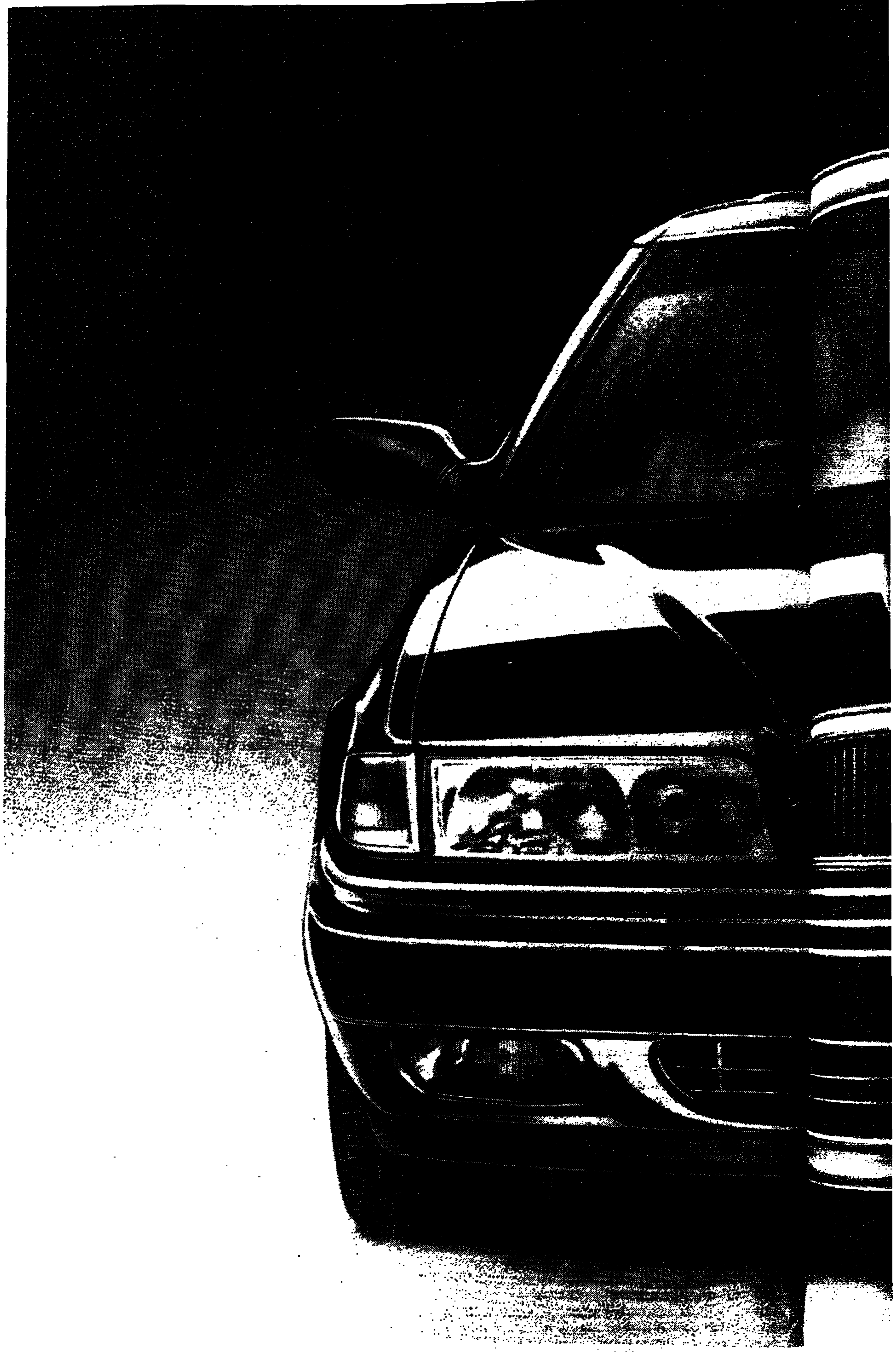

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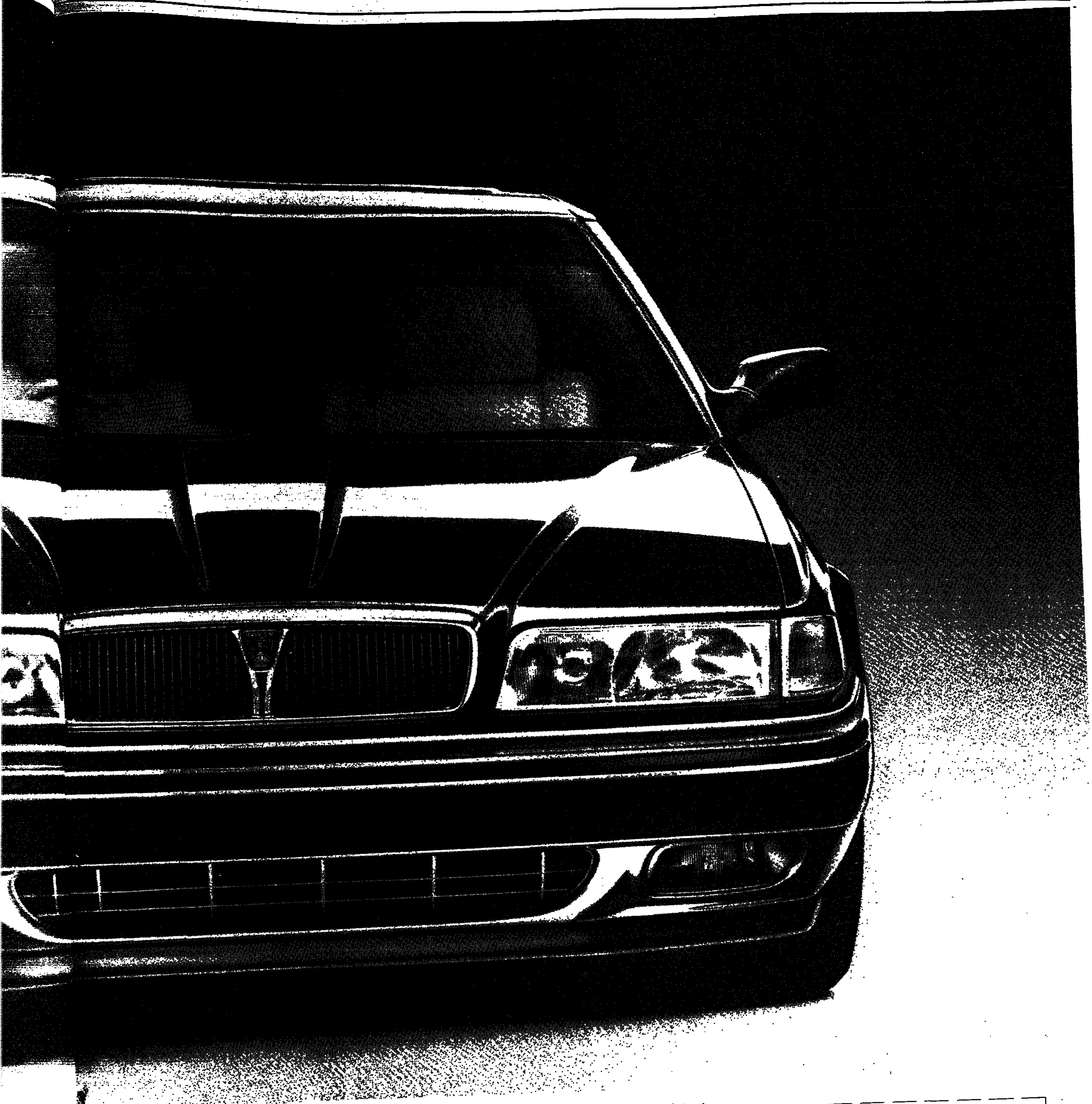

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Yeltsin gets guarded welcome as he signs accord with Germany

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND IAN MURRAY IN BONN

BORIS Yeltsin yesterday set about establishing Russia on the world map as an independent country. Surrounded with almost all the trappings of a state visit, he signed a joint declaration which for the first time put relations between Russia and a Western power on a legal basis.

The diplomatic difficulties of treating with a country as yet without international recognition were clearly visible from the moment of his reception at the airport to the evening dinner. Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, looked awkward throughout the signing ceremony and was careful in both his formal speeches not to raise too high Russia's hopes of early recognition.

However, the declaration signed by the two leaders promised economic co-operation, regular high-level consultations — including on world affairs — and confirmation that the traditional homeland of ethnic Germans would be re-created on the banks of the Volga.

Mr Yeltsin repeatedly tried to equate his "new Russia" with what he called the "new Germany". After signing the declaration, he said this meant "the development of wide-ranging relations between the sovereign democratic Russia and the united Germany". In contrast, Herr Kohl seemed to play down the importance of national sovereignty, preferring his long-held belief in the creation of a federal Europe. "The idea of the federal state stands as godfather to the decisive steps which we want to take this year with our European partners on political union," he said during the working dinner.

Mr Yeltsin himself confirmed and even exploited the ambiguity of Russia's status in dealing with the contentious question of whether Erich Honecker could or should be extradited to stand trial in Germany. The chancellor had raised the matter during their three hours of private talks, emphasising that Germany would continue to insist on the return of the disgraced East German leader on charges of issuing the shoot-to-kill orders by which 200 people died while trying to escape to the West. "The federal republic will insist that legal and judicial procedures are observed," he said, adding he would leave it to his guest to state Russia's position.

Mr Yeltsin made the most of the opportunity to show how, in his view, President Gorbachev was obstructing justice by refusing to hand back the man Russia maintains entered the country illegally last March when he was spirited to Moscow from a Soviet army hospital in eastern Germany. "I have not handled the problem," he said. "I regard it as the prerogative of President Gorbachev."

He added: "I have taken enough of his powers already. I don't want to take this from him as well." He said he had spoken to the Soviet president several times on the subject, and each time he was told Herr Honecker was too old and ill to stand trial.

He went on: "It is not as though he would be sent back to a barbaric country. Nobody here is going to eat him. Russia has done what it can. He will not be allowed to stay in Russia. It is now up to Gorbachev." Herr Honecker could be expelled to another Soviet republic, such as Kazakhstan, and then be shunted on to Uzbekistan. "It could become a grand tour of the republics."

Mr Yeltsin said in interviews with German television before he arrived that he had not come to plead for help, despite the "destitute situation" in his country. The chancellor took him at his word. He promised that "Germany would, as in the past, help those who help themselves". Germany was ready to be in the forefront of an international effort to provide food and humanitarian aid but "we cannot do it alone: our Western partners must also be ready to take their responsibility in this".

'White mice' are measure of status

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

SEVEN "white mice" showed Boris Yeltsin yesterday that he is not yet regarded in the outside world as a head of state.

When he arrived aboard a requisitioned Aeroflot flight for his first official visit abroad since his election, the Russian president learnt from the size of his police motorcycle escort — popularly known as the "white mice" — that the German protocol office had decided he deserved to be ranked no higher than a head of government. As a head of state his limousine would have had a 15-man escort, but as a humble head of government he was granted only seven.

President Gorbachev has been escorted by 15 "white mice" on his two visits to Bonn and police had to be warned beforehand not to drive too fast in case his lumbering, armour-plated official Zil could not keep up. The seven "mice" accompanying Mr Yeltsin's borrowed Mercedes had no such problem.

On his arrival in Bonn Mr Yeltsin might have been forgiven for thinking that in fact he was a head of state. There was a full military guard of honour to greet him at the chancellery and the huge red, white and blue banner of free Russia was flying from the pole alongside the black, red and gold German tricolour. For the first time on German soil the anthem by Glinka, *Long live Russia*, was played for a Russian leader.

But it was all an illusion created by the protocol office. Had he been a head of state the guard of honour and the band would have been just down the road at the Villa Hammerschmidt where Richard von Weizsäcker, the German president and head of state, will see him for an informal lunch today.

Last night, too, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner in the Palais Schaumberg, but it was not the state banquet he would automatically have been given had he been regarded in the same category as the Queen or President Gorbachev.

Faith in the city: a man carries a damaged crucifix he took to Rome for a papal blessing into Zagreb's cathedral

Truth caught in the crossfire

Croats and Serbs are now fighting a vicious propaganda war, write **Anne McElvoy and Dessa Trevisan**

AS THE fallen town of Vukovar gradually disgorges the appalling secrets of what occurred during the three-month siege within its walls, fresh propaganda assaults have begun on both sides.

In an all too familiar pattern, Croatia and Serbia are claiming that the other side perpetrated mass killings inside the town. Allegations of wholesale slaughter are traded like callous insults. The truth is caught in the crossfire.

The heavy-handed approach of the army, still intoxicated by its victory, and the chaotic dispersal of Croatian fighters and civilians which followed the defeat, makes verifications impossible. Out of the fog and rubble of Vukovar have emerged spectres of bloody rumour inadequately supported by fact.

The accusations began when Goran Mikic, a Serb and freelance photographer, working for Reuters news agency claimed that he had seen the bodies of 41 children apparently killed with axes in Borovo Naselge, a suburb of Vukovar used as a base by the Croatian national guard.

Mr Mikic claimed that the army told him that the fleeing guardsmen had cut the throats of children. Yesterday he announced on Belgrade television that he had seen, "small corpses packed into nylon bags filled with blood".

The Serbian media have been quick to pin the blame on Croatia in language calculated to remind people of the slaughter carried out by Croatian Utashi troops in the second world war.

Belgrade television in its main news programme on Wednesday, which is watched by millions of Serbs, made the point of saying that the story was first reported by Reuters to give it credibility. Yesterday most Belgradians were convinced of the slaughter.

But there are still no independent witnesses and there has been a strange reserve on the army's part. Mr Mikic claims the federal forces refused him permission to take pictures of the bodies and the area is still sealed off.

In a war where both sides have shown off their victims with unseemly enthusiasm, this reluctance is hard to understand and has led to whispers on the Croatian side that the victims may be theirs.

The government in Zagreb has dismissed the allegations as "pure propaganda", and maintains that the story was concocted in Belgrade to sway yesterday's United States Senate's debate on recognition for Croatia.

That the battle for Vukovar produced atrocities on both sides is beyond question. However, it will be as hard to pinpoint the iniquities of eastern Croatia in 1991, as it was to find accurate figures for the killings that took place in Bosnia-Herzegovina between 1941 and 1945.

Already the statistics of the war have begun to blur. Visiting Bonn yesterday, a Yugoslav official claimed that it had already cost 10,000 lives, but with all federal structures shattered, there is no reliable way of getting at the truth. EC monitors called in to investigate an alleged slaughter of Serbs at Dakuvar last month concluded this week that the victims were more likely to have been Croats.

Refugees drowned in Haiti ship

Havana — Sixteen people were drowned and another 119 were missing and feared dead after the wreck of a sailing boat carrying about 200 Haitian refugees off Cuba's eastern tip, the Cuban domestic news agency reported yesterday.

The agency said 60 people survived the shipwreck on Tuesday night when the vessel in which they were travelling went down in heavy seas off Maisi Point, Guantánamo province. They were receiving food and medical treatment at a camp set up by the local authorities in the area

Cuban rescue services were continuing to search for the 119 people officially listed as missing although they were presumed to have drowned, the agency added. The 16 bodies recovered were those of 12 women, two children and two men. *(Reuter)*

UN crime body

Versailles — Representatives from more than 100 countries have met to launch a new United Nations body to tackle organised crime. The UN is hoping that its Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will defeat drug traffickers and international terrorists. *(Reuter)*

Judges to strike

Rome — Italy's 7,000 magistrates have called a one-day strike for December 3. They say that the president, Francesco Cossiga, is interfering with their independence by threatening to dissolve the Superior Magistrates' Council (CSM) in a row over magistrates' membership of Masonic lodges. *(Reuter)*

Havel supported

Prague — About 40,000 people re-enacted the moving scenes of the Czechoslovak revolution by almost filling Wenceslas Square in support of President Havel. Mr Havel has called for pressure on parliament to break the deadlock preventing a referendum on Slovak secession before next year's general election.

Republican tour

Moscow — Eduard Shevardnadze, the reappointed foreign minister, will tour the Soviet republics in an attempt "to normalise the situation" and will undertake no foreign trips. He thought that "everyone's place is on the barricades to save the country, freedom and democracy", a spokesman said. *(AFP)*

Husak funeral

Prague — Gustav Husak, Czechoslovakia's former president and hardline Communist party leader, was cremated in the Slovak capital of Bratislava, his home town. Mourners included Jan Carnogursky, the Slovak prime minister, and Frantisek Miklosko, chairman of the regional parliament. *(Reuter)*

Rights pledged

Bucharest — Romania's parliament has adopted a constitution guaranteeing pluralism, human rights and a free market. It defines Romania as a republic with a government effectively subordinated to the president, who is elected for a maximum of two four-year terms, and an elected two-chamber legislature. *(Reuter)*

Ganges deaths

Delhi — At least four people were killed and 29 injured in a stampede when about half a million Hindus gathered for a ritual dip in the Ganges, near the northern Indian city of Hardwar. *(AFP)*

Poison threat

Auckland — A man who threatened to contaminate bottles of Coca-Cola with a rust inhibitor unless he was paid a ransom in gold has been sentenced to five years' jail. Stephen John Duckworth, aged 33, pleaded guilty to demanding with menaces 140oz of gold. *(AFP)*

G7 deal puts off day of reckoning on Soviet debt

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE threat of a massive default by the Soviet monetary authorities was narrowly averted yesterday after the Group of Seven most industrialised nations agreed to the postponement of billions of dollars worth of debt repayments falling due next year.

In return, the G7 extracted firmer commitments than before from eight of the 12 remaining republics to honour the Soviet Union's debts and to manage their economies in accordance with International Monetary Fund advice. A controversial deal under which the Soviet Union would pawn nearly half its remaining gold reserves in return for a $1 billion (£550 million) emergency credit was mentioned only as a possibility in a final communiqué issued after four days of tense negotiations.

However, the G7 representatives did pledge to maintain the flow of short-term credit, without which Soviet external trade would have been in danger of grinding to a halt. David Mulford, the American treasury under-secretary, said the agreement amounted to "important progress" in warding off the "extremely grave liquidity situation" faced by Soviet monetary authorities as the country's political and economic structures disintegrate.

Any optimism generated by the deal was balanced by the grave warnings issued by President Gorbachev who is visited Irkutsk in Siberia. He said no economic measures taken by the republics would work unless they came together in a new political union, the basis of which is expected to be signed on Monday. The posssibility of a Yugoslav-style civil war was a "real threat in the event of definitive disintegration".

Yesterday's accord provides for the deferment till 1993 of $3.5 billion in medium and long-term debt repayments that G7 governments had been due to receive next year. *If commercial banks and other* Western governments follow suite, then the total amount of repayments affected could be closer to $6 billion.

G7 officials emphasised that the agreement did not amount to a rescheduling, in that it affected principle repayments rather than interest. They said the postponement was conditional on non-deferred sums being paid as normal. The most important absentee from the pledge on joint debt servicing was the Ukraine, which along with Azerbaijan says it wants to know what its share of the Soviet debt servicing burden will be before making a commitment. Uzbekistan and Georgia are also staying out for the time being.

Mr Mulford gave a warning that any republic that turned its back completely on its obligations would face an "extremely bleak future" in international financial markets. However, he emphasised that no republic had definitely done this, and that the memorandum on debt servicing remained open for signature.

Ivan Silayev, the head of the interim Soviet government, voiced confidence that the Ukrainians would join the arrangement by the end of the month — the date by which eight signatories to yesterday's deal have pledged work out each republic's share.

Madrid worries about unity bill

From HARRY DEBELIUS IN MADRID

THE debate in Spain about European unity is not about how far to go, but how much it will cost.

Less than 15 years after decades of isolation under General Franco, not a single member of parliament has expressed concern about any loss of sovereignty which might result from the European Community summit in Maastricht next month. At the same time both the conservative parliamentary opposition and the socialist-led administration are worried about keeping Spain a net beneficiary of the EC.

The principal opposition, the Popular Party (PP), called on Felipe González, the prime minister, last week to explain his position in parliament and seek a consensus before Maastricht. At issue was not any objection to the proposed steps towards political, eco*nomic, monetary and social* unity in the EC. "The PP is very concerned about the possibility that we Spaniards might have to share in the financing of Europe's most developed countries," it said. The word federalism has not raised an eyebrow here, although the word waves a red flag in front of many Spaniards when mentioned as a way to unify the country's many distinct regions.

Spain's political leaders want the EC to accept the principle of "social cohesion", which would require the richer countries to contribute more than a proportional share to common funds, giving the poorer countries more to speed up their development. Without that, and a modification of article 200 of the Treaty of Rome, Spain will almost certainly find itself funding northern Europe's prosperity.

Spanish negotiators feel that the present system is unfair since it bases the main contribution of member states on the amount of value added tax collected. They believe that this gives a distorted picture of Spain's wealth as *consumption is* unusually high at the moment. The prime minister's opponents basically want the same as he does: full European unity.

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Party banner: Heide Schmidt announces her decision to run for the Austrian presidency at a press conference in Vienna yesterday. The far-right Freedom party nominated Frau Schmidt, the deputy parliamentary vice-president, as its candidate to replace Kurt Waldheim in elections next April (Brenda Fowler writes). Dr Waldheim has said he will not seek a second term. Frau Schmidt, aged 42, is the third candidate for the largely ceremonial office of president.

Last week the Social Democratic party of Franz Vranitzky nominated Rudolf Streicher, the transport minister, as its candidate, and the Conservative People's party nominated Thomas Klestil, the head of the diplomatic corps and a former ambassador to Washington.

The decision by the Freedom party to put up its own candidate instead of supporting one of those of Austria's two main parties is due in part to its string of large gains in recent provincial elections. Yesterday Frau Schmidt said her campaign would be her own, and not that of her party.

Frau Schmidt distanced herself from Jean-Marie Le Pen, the extreme right-wing leader of France's National Front, who in an interview earlier this week said he would like to meet Freedom party politicians.

Le Pen unmoved by 'apartheid' uproar

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

JEAN-MARIE Le Pen, leader of France's extreme right-wing National Front, remains quite undaunted by the uproar provoked in the country's mainstream political establishment by his party's unambiguously racist manifesto.

The venomous criticism of the front's 50-point agenda for controlling Third World immigration is quite unjustified, he complains. "Everything we have proposed will be subject to debate ... and no racial element is involved."

M Le Pen's confident, even cocky, mood these days is highlighted by the fact that he was prepared to gamble on French reactions to the release of a document advocating legal constraints that critics maintain would create something very like apartheid in France. Clearly believing that even bad publicity is better than none, he appears to be banking on the effect the National Front's proposals for stringent measures against "non-Europeans" coming into the country will have on the growing number of voters who tell pollsters that they agree with his objectives.

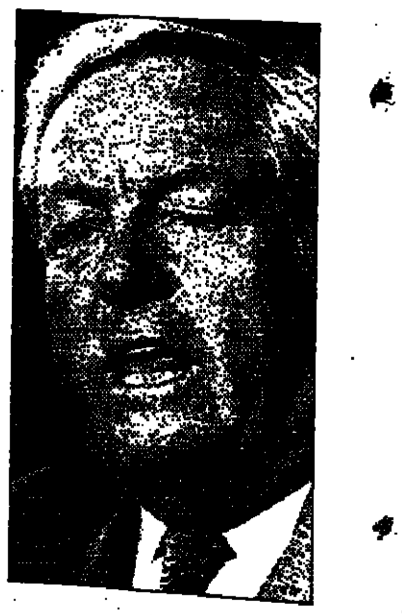
As Bruno Megret, the National Front's ideologue, observed after unveiling the plan in Marseilles this week, politicians who begin by excoriating the party end up borrowing its racial rhetoric. A few years ago it would have been political suicide for Jacques Chirac, the head of the Gaullist RPR party and a former prime minister, to talk of "noisy, smelly" immigrants living on social welfare, or for Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former president who leads the UDF opposition faction, to raise the issue of an alien "invasion" of France.

At the heart of the National Front's new manifesto are measures that would oblige every Third World national visiting France to deposit a bond of 100,000 francs (about £10,000) and submit to an Aids test. Those getting through would find a France that would deny immigrants certain welfare benefits and would formally discriminate against them on jobs, housing and education. The most recent opinion poll found 38 per cent support for M Le Pen's stance on immigration.

For all the furious reception this platform has attracted, M Le Pen has already succeeded in manoeuvring the French left into a distinctly awkward position. Earlier this month, bewailing the apparent indifference of voters to the political process, President Mitterrand was calling for reforms to introduce an element of proportional representation into elections for the second time in five years.

Although it is considered impolite to remind the Elysée Palace of the fact, it was M Mitterrand's fiddling with the system five years ago, in an attempt to split the conservative vote, that effectively put the front into the national assembly. The subsequent hasty reversion to majority voting merely spotlighted how cynical and short-sighted this move had been.

And, as M Le Pen has gleefully acknowledged, any return to proportional representation can only benefit his party, which currently has only one deputy in the assembly.



Le Pen: bad publicity is better than none

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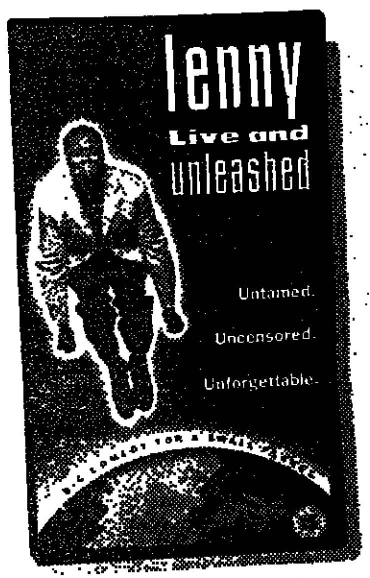

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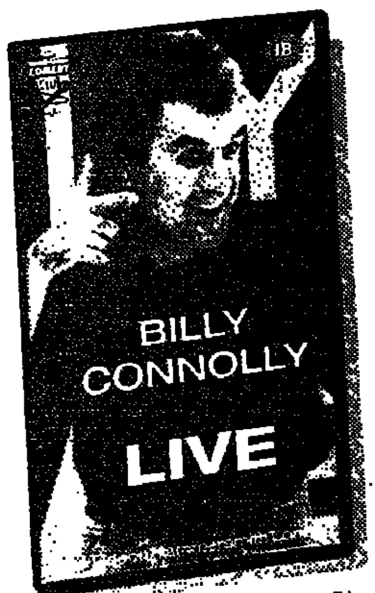

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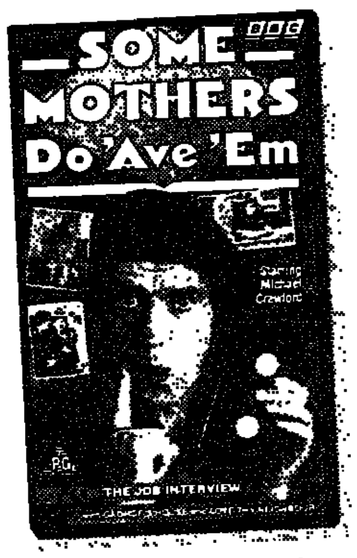

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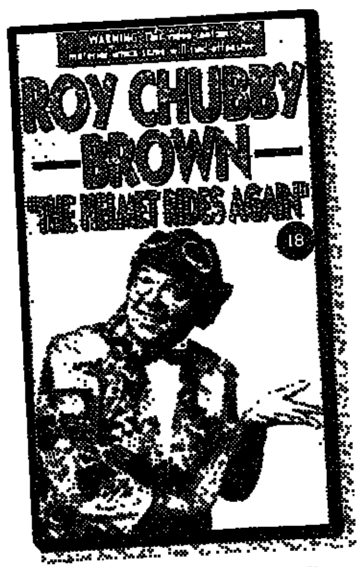

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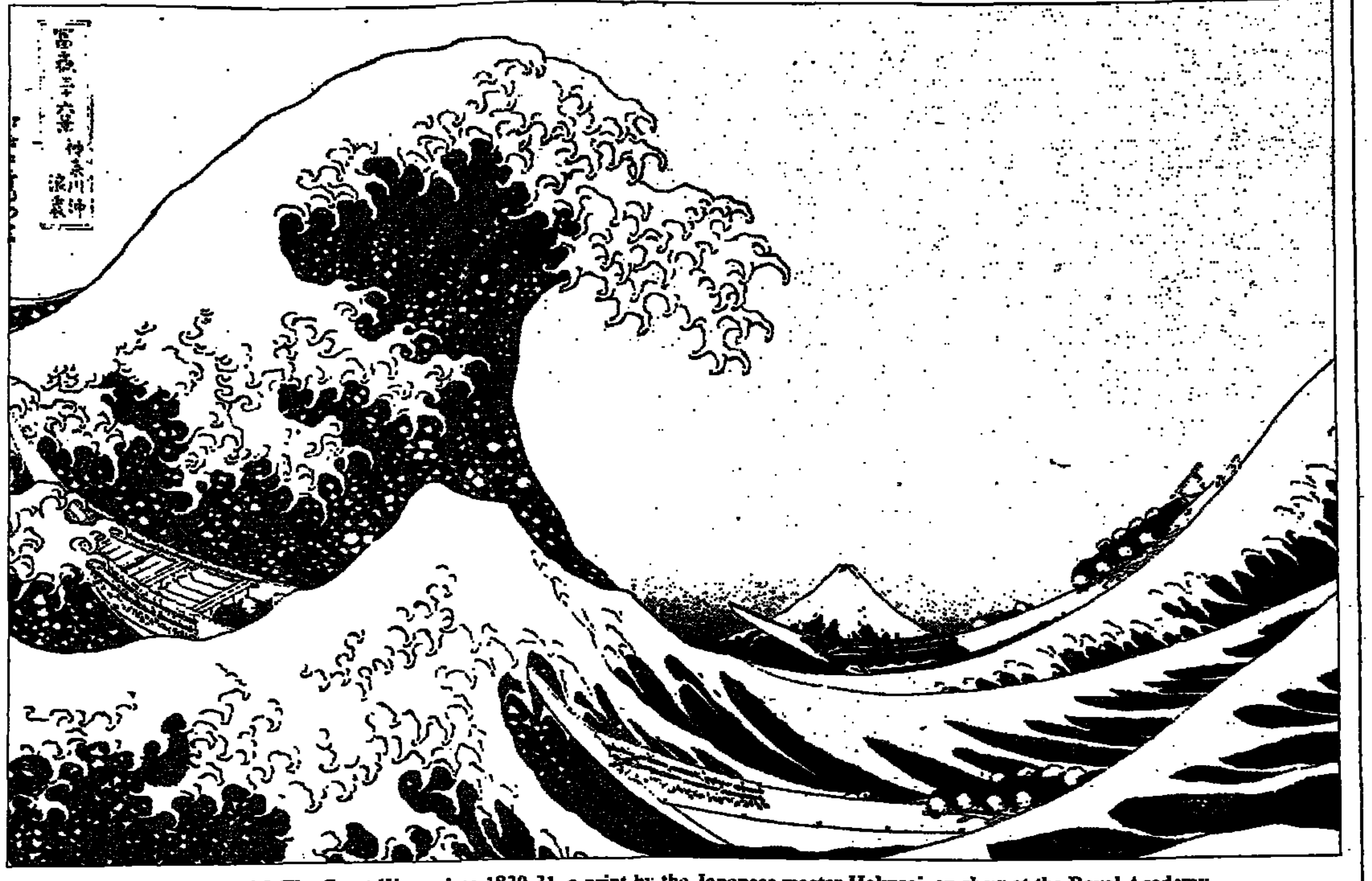
LONDON GALLERIES

Mad about drawing in the rising sun

Richard Cork reviews a retrospective devoted to the printmaker Hokusai, one of the world's great iconographers



At his peak? *The Great Wave*, circa 1830-31, a print by the Japanese master Hokusai, on show at the Royal Academy

At the age of 83, the 19th century Japanese artist **Hokusai** brushed an astonishingly deft ink self-portrait onto the final page of a letter to his publisher. Although his face looks deeply wrinkled, below a bald pate alleviated only by a few strands of white hair, he is far from senile. While his mouth opens in smiling, mischievous conversation, his right arm rises to jab the air with a resilient index finger. The portrait catches the energy and impish eccentricity of an artist who, having changed his name over 30 times, once described himself as "the old man mad with drawing".

This lifelong infatuation fired him with a boundless zest. At a time when most octogenarians were content to prepare for death, Hokusai insisted in a brief yet irrepressible autobiography that "by the age of one hundred I will have reached a magnificent level, and at one hundred and ten each dot and each line will be alive." He failed to reach his goal, dying in 1849 at 89 after producing more than 30,000 designs. But Hokusai's finest work was certainy achieved in the closing decades of his life. The Royal Academy's retrospective is powered throughout by an unstoppable momentum, reaching a climax of inventiveness in the 1830s. Although he was reduced to penury at one stage in the decade, most of the outstanding print sequences date from this prodigious period.

Just how original he became in old age can be gauged from the earliest works on view. Hokusai's training, which probably began when he was 19, confined him within the tradition of the popular kabuki theatre. However lively his actor prints appear, with their contorted poses and ferocious, eye-rolling expressions, they conform to the rules laid down by his master Katsukawa Shunsho.

But Hokusai's concerns were far too all-embracing to be limited for ever inside the "floating world" conventions of the period. Actors and fashionable courtesans, the two leading themes in Japanese prints, engaged his restless temperament far less than the world beyond such claustrophobic boundaries. After falling out with Shunsho, he explored a thoroughly eclectic range of possibilities. Chinese and European alternatives appear in his work, but its fundamental inspiration stemmed from voracious observation of nature.

In a prophetic print of 1797, two women stand on the beach at Enoshima and talk to a group of children. They belong within the elegant tradition of the "floating world", and yet Hokusai ensures that the rest of the space is given over to the superbly rhythmic undulations of the sea. They gather into a surprisingly large wave, defined at the moment when poised to fall headlong onto the shore.

Only a few years later, Hokusai dispensed with the women and concentrated on the full-blown dynamism of a storm at sea. Although tiny figures can still be detected in the central boat, they are dwarfed by the arching, engulfing power of a wave gathered to its full height.

Hokusai, however, had to wait another quarter of a century before he realised the subject's full potential. Soon after his 70th birthday, he returned to the Kanagawa coastline and executed his most celebrated image: *The Great Wave*.

Here, with the economy of an artist who knows precisely what to emphasise or leave out, he immerses us in the sea's turbulence. Diminutive boatmen cower as their fragile craft lance through the apocalyptic sea. They may not survive more than a few more seconds, for the wave now assumes monstrous proportions. Already beginning to break, it extends predatory fingers of foam towards the voyagers below. And since Japanese viewers were accustomed to looking at pictures from right to left, the wave's impact would have hit them at the climax of their eyes' journey across the sheet.

In this magisterially organised print, which assumed an icon-like status after it became known in the West, the coastline is no longer visible. The only reassuring reminder of land rears up in the distance, where the snow-covered Mount Fuji stands out against a band of blackened sky.

Hokusai has integrated the pyramidal form so well with the rest of the design that Fuji could easily be mistaken for another wave. But its presence is important, for the print belongs to a sequence called *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*, which crowns his career.

This immensely fertile series gives the exhibition its most absorbing room. The sea soon subsides, and in clear weather Fuji is allowed to dominate the whole of an image with its volcanic red mass. The glow is as vibrant as the haystacks which Monet would study, with equal obsessiveness, some 60 years later.

Hokusai, however, shows even greater resourcefulness than Monet in his determination to scrutinise Fuji from every conceivable angle. The 36 views expanded to 46 as he discovered more and more ways to depict the mountain.

At one moment it is seen close-to, emerging with a snow-strewn peak from the darkness of a sudden rainstorm smothering its slopes. Orange lightning fractures the gloom, but in other prints Fuji becomes the acme of placidity. Mist moves across the base, rendered with the utmost simplicity as horizontal bands of bare paper. Then the mountain is relegated to the horizon, and tamed by the structure of a rounded bridge framing it in the foreground.

Sometimes Fuji almost disappears, veiled in a white haze which silhouettes an isolated fisherman pulling at cormorants on his taut lines. Elsewhere the familiar pyramid is reasserted as nothing more than a refined outline, serene above the frantic gesturing of figures buffeted by an unexpected gust of wind blowing papers and leaves around.

Whenever people play a prominent part in these images, they usually end up staring across at the ubiquitous volcano. It mesmerises the women gathered on a teahouse balcony and impels a ferryman to look up from his labours on the rich blue river.

For all the proliferation of incidents enlivening these prints, and the inexhaustible variety of their vantage-points, Fuji's fascination remains constant. Hokusai's love-affair with the mountain is sustained throughout, emphasising its sublimity with an unforced grandeur which revolutionised the conventions of Japanese landscape prints.

The Fuji sequence's profound involvement with the natural world also runs through much of his other work. He was motivated above all by a sense of wonder, nowhere more spectacularly than in an outstanding set called *Going the Round of the Waterfalls in All Provinces.*

Whether plummeting in vertical shafts or spreading like the exposed roots of a mighty tree, the cascades are a continual source of amazement. In one print, pilgrims on their way to a shrine stop and gaze up at a waterfall called "dropping mist". Bubbles of spray explode around them, but they keep their hats doffed in respect, as captivated as Hokusai himself must have been by the elemental force above them.

● Hokusai *continues at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438) until February 9.*

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

OUT AND ABOUT: Louis Auguste Schwiter (1805-1889), who frequently visited England from 1829 on, made numerous attractive pastel studies of landscape around London. These date from 1831.

Louis Aguste Schwiter, Max Rutherston at Deborah Gage, 38 Old Bond Street, W1 (071-701 5579) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until December 13.

LATVIA IN LONDON: Indulis Zarins is professor of painting at the Riga Academy of Arts, but does not paint like an academic: his style is richly coloured and almost expressionistic in its bold brushwork.

Indulis Zarins, Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2 (071-247 6844) Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, until November 30.

LOOKING BACK: Not all Japanese designers of today are preoccupied with electronic gadgetry. The makers of mingei ("art of the people") continue traditions of exquisite taste and refinement in everyday objects. **Mingei**, Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, N1 (071-278 7700) Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, until January 12.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

BRIEFING

Box of tricks

THE man who created the "look" of such films as *Lawrence of Arabia, A Man for All Seasons, The Great Gatsby, A Passage to India* and *Doctor Zhivago* is to be honoured by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in a "Salute to Craftmanship" tomorrow. John Box, the art director and production designer, has won four Academy Awards and four BAFTA awards in a career spanning more than 40 years. Most famous of his accomplishments, probably, was his re-creation for *Doctor Zhivago* of snowy Russia in midsummer Spain.

Queue to win

REJOICING in the imposing title "Best Act In The World Today" is the rock group R.E.M. That accolade was bestowed on Wednesday at the *Q* magazine awards ceremony in Abbey Road recording studios. R.E.M. also won the Best Album award with *Out of Time*. Best new act was deemed to be Seal, and the *Q* Merit Award "for an outstanding and continued contribution to the music industry" went to Lou Reed.

Last chance...

A COMBINATION of troubadour and one-man picket-line, Gil Scott-Heron has been espousing radical causes for two decades. He is one of the godfathers of rap, though his best lyrics are a good deal more sophisticated than those of today. Environmentalism was on his agenda long before the rain forests came into fashion, but his most memorable song, "Hello Sunday, Hello Road", was a funky, apolitical glimpse of life on the tour bus. He completes a residency at the Jazz Café (071-284 4358) tonight.

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ARCHIVE RECORDINGS

Discs that slip back into place

Forget today's classical superstars. As **David Robinson** reports, there is strong demand for reissues of recordings by the great singers and instrumental players of the past

Adelina Patti: her rarities have now been reissued

Some thirty years ago, there was no way to hear the voice of Tetrazzini or Tamagno, Marie Lloyd or Dan Leno, or the playing of Paderewski or Joachim — unless, that is, you belonged to the circle of collectors of 78rpm records. These tended to be dedicated people preoccupied with mechanical devices to eliminate the surface noise of their precious discs.

There were one or two specialised dealers in rare records, but the hunt mostly went on in junk shops and street markets and on the collectors' grapevine. If they might not actually kill for a unique Pol Plançon or an unissued Caruso, devotees would certainly pay three-figure sums for rarities.

By contrast, today the CD catalogues include thousands of historical recordings. Practically all the one-time rarities are available, in batches of 20, for £12 or less.

Scanning the historical CD racks, from Anderson (Marian) to Yaw (Ellen), the labels most often encountered are likely to be Pearl, Opal and Flapper. "I think we can, modestly, claim to lead the field," says John Waite, co-founder and director of the labels' parent company, Pavilion Records. "Though you have to move fast to keep ahead of the pack these days. It is an expanding business."

Started by John Waite and Charles Haynes as a part-time operation in 1968, the firm operates from the Sussex hamlet of Sparrows Green. The entire staff now consists of Waite and his new partner, Philip Leask, and one full-time assistant.

Collectors from the tough old days can only marvel how Pavilion manages to assemble the complete recordings of, say, Caruso or Adelina Patti: not only the known rarities but discs that were never commercially issued. "Practically everything comes from private collections," says Waite. "Collectors are fantastically generous. They are generally evangelical about their interest and keen for people to share their enthusiasms, whether it is McCormack or Martinelli.

"Some things, of course, are incredibly rare and expensive to buy or hire. The material is located in hundreds of collections, dotted around the world. I am currently negotiating with a collector in Brazil, the only person in the world to possess all seven Brazilian Odeon label issues of Giovanni Zenatello.

"Often the difficulties are unexpected. For years I have been trying to find good copies of Jan Kiepura, the Polish tenor. His recordings are not all that archaic or rare, but whenever you find them, they have been played to death."

The charm of the Pavilion list is an eclectic but personal editorial taste that embraces obscure turn-of-the-century divas, great cantors, forgotten piano virtuosi and Max Miller. "Mostly the editorial impulse comes from here, but the work of assembling an album is done by freelance specialists," says Waite. "The work of transferring is also done outside, by a small number of transfer engineers whose work we like and trust."

Other companies, Nimbus and EMI, for instance, have different methods and ideas about what is an acceptable level of surface noise. Pearl's transfers are noisier (and arguably purer) than some others.

"The aim," Waite continues, "is always to get as close as possible to the original, with the least technical interposition from electronic engineers. We just try to get as much music out of the 78rpm grooves as there is there. You can actually get much more now than when they were first made, because the machinery for reproducing them is better.

"Every record has to be treated differently. Only years of experience and very educated ears will tell you what is the right speed or stylus to make use of, or how to treat an early Odeon or early Berliner.

"Turntable speed can be very controversial, with endless debates on whether a voltage drop that day might have slowed down the apparatus, or whether the singer could have decided to transpose the aria on that unique occasion." Occasionally the experts fail to agree: one record in Pearl's exemplary, 12-CD Caruso collection is reproduced twice — at the consensus speed and at the speed preferred by the editor.

"There is a steady market for these archive recordings. We are not talking Nigel Kennedy figures or even von Karajan figures, but we sell across the world, and a record that may not do well here can have a big sale in Japan or somewhere else."

Sales are unpredictable. An album of Alessandro Moreschi, the last castrato, has proved a steady seller. The recordings, made in the Sistine Chapel at the beginning of the century, are among the most extraordinary sounds preserved. The strange tones of Moreschi's voice, backed by the Sistine choir, have an eerie, other-worldly quality. The album also includes the voice of Moreschi's patron, the nonagenarian Pope Leo XIII.

Pearl's CD of the 1900, original-cast recordings of *Florodora*, a unique document of the diction, style and gaiety of Victorian musical comedy.

The company has also pioneered the resurrection of the instrumental archive. Its *Pupils of Clara Schumann* is on six CDs. These recordings of Fanny Davies, Ilona Eibenschutz and Adelina de Lara recapture a school of piano playing whose traditions date back a century and a half.

The sounds of the past seem inexhaustible. Pavilion averages at least ten new releases a month: recent batches included Liszt's last pupil, Frederic Lamond and *Covent Garden on Record: A History*, a four-part series on CD.

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Kate Muir talks to Dr Bridget Ogilvie, the director of the Wellcome Trust, who has risked the wrath of anti-vivisectionists by supporting medical experiments on animals

The fortunes of Getty and Rockefeller are peanuts compared to what Dr Bridget Ogilvie has in her coffers. The Howard Hughes and Henry Ford Foundations are not in her league. Dr Ogilvie has recently taken over as the director of the Wellcome Trust, the world's wealthiest charitable foundation, and has £100 million to dole out this year, and £4.5 billion stashed away.

The opinions of those who have money to spend tend to be taken more seriously than those who have not, and Dr Ogilvie is not unaware of this. She plans to speak out regularly in future about the low opinion which she considers the government has of scientists, and has just launched a campaign, at considerable personal risk, to justify the use of animals in medical experiments.

Dr Ogilvie, aged 53, is tall and fearless, but, on the face of it, an unlikely choice as the head of a scientific foundation. The daughter of an Australian outback sheep farmer, the combined disadvantages of sex, nationality, and a degree in agriculture ought to have excluded her from the oak-panelled boardroom.

Instead, they were precisely what the trust wanted, to take it out of its white-coated anonymity. Her mission to explain covers everything from the trust's funding of research into the notoriously under-resourced area of mental illness, to specific projects on the causes of anorexia and the human equivalent of BSE.

Very little of the trust-funded work on human disease could take place without tests on animals, and it is that which caused Dr Ogilvie to stand up to animal rights activists at a time when most scientists are holding back for fear of bombing or attacks by the more radical groups.

As the chairman of the Research for Health Charities Group, she felt she had to speak out when activists started targeting charities such as Cancer Research. "When volunteers who collect were being harassed and those who worked in shops were getting threatening phone calls, I really thought it was too much," Dr Ogilvie says. "Often people work for these charities because one of their family has died.

"That was coupled with the activists being rather sophisticated about getting at school children, and turning a whole generation off science with horror stories of nasty vivisection and lovely furry animals."

Children got the impression that dogs and cats were dying by the minute. In fact, 85 per cent of experiments are on rodents. "The welfare of animals is an absolutely *proper* concern. No scientist is anything other than enthusiastic about it. But if all research on animals was banned, it would simply mean there would be no further advance."

During her years as a research scientist, Dr Ogilvie, who has a PhD in parasitology, found there were many links between veterinary and human problems. For example, the worms which cause elephantiasis in human testicles were similar to worms in cats.

Far from having a clinical coldness about using animals, she grew particularly attached to a strain of "fascinating" black and white rats, which would poke their noses eagerly out of the cage to greet her.

Furthermore, she points out that some of those who claim not to use animals in experiments are probably using tissue culture, antibodies, or anti-serum, all flesh-based. The news for those avoiding animal-tested products is not good — everything from the dye in clothes to toothpaste is *tested*. "Since Thalidomide, there have been much stricter laws on testing, because that drug was not tried on pregnant animals."

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She wonders, too, about the honesty of some of the claims advanced by the makers of "humane" cosmetics. "They would have to contain *very* old-fashioned ingredients not to have been tested at some point, years ago. I think there are plenty enough cosmetics about without testing any more." She has just bought some "cruelty-free" lipsticks to see if they actually stick on.

The antithesis of the eccentric scientist, she wears smart suits and works, not in a laboratory reeking of sulphur, but in a huge room, with a chandelier and a marble fireplace. An old-master-style painting of Galileo hangs on one wall. So it is appropriate that her plan is to change the image of science in Britain.

"From what is promulgated from *on high*", she says, with a significant nod, "you'd think academic scientists were a lazy bunch of layabouts, and it just isn't so. It is an extraordinarily badly paid job — scientists get paid 35 per cent less than their comparable peer group in other professions — and on top of that we expect them to referee and examine unpaid, out of sheer goodwill."

In the past decade, she has watched dozens of frustrated colleagues leave for the better money, and facilities, of private companies. The average science PhD student earns about £8,000 a year, for up to five years — not a great incentive compared to offers from the major pharmaceutical companies, or even the City. She worries that scientists are spending so much time scrabbling around for private grants, and tailoring research to fit them, that they do not have enough time to think, or to enthuse their students.

The Wellcome Trust — which owns 75 per cent of the drugs company Wellcome plc, and survives on its profits — has found itself, along with a few other charities, putting up as much money as the government-funded Medical Research Council. They each *provide* around £217m in grants each year. "Although the government has put a lot more money into research, the cost of doing research has enormously outstripped the increase." Like state-of-the-art stereo equipment, technology constantly goes out of date, and the meagre investment in Britain shows no signs of keeping pace.

She gives a depressing picture of the future. "There are universities with crumbling 1960s buildings and fewer staff, doing double the work, while trying to compete for research grants. Some papers that come in now will credit five or six charities for help. How long do you think each grant submission takes?"

The government is lucky that such charities exist to do some of the work. The growth of the Wellcome Trust, from having an *income of £1m in 1965*, has relieved it of a large part of the burden. Most of the profits of Wellcome plc come from the anti-herpes drug Zovirax, and although profits are small on the anti-Aids drug AZT (Retrovir), the company's *share* price has been greatly improved as a result. Sir Henry Wellcome, the American businessman who made his fortune introducing the compressed pill or "tabloid" into Britain in the 1880s, would be surprised that the profits from a cure for venereal disease are keeping science research afloat today.

Sir Henry would also be surprised by his trust's present director, since woman scientists were *not quite the thing* in his day. It was the fact that they remained not quite the thing until recently in Australia that caused Dr Ogilvie to decamp. She even tried to return home, 20 years ago, after many years work in Britain, to apply for a job as the head of a laboratory. She knew a few of the men of the interview panel.

"I have never seen a more uncomfortable bunch of men in all my life," Dr Ogilvie says. "They were wriggling in their seats, and told me if I was a man, they would recommend me for the job, but they knew it was hopeless being a woman."

She found the chauvinism was institutional, never personal. "I have always found men to be . . . a pleasure, both to work with and socially." But at the time Australia "had a straight tax on being female" — women scientists were paid Aus$425 less than men, in any job.

Had Dr Ogilvie's father not been radical compared to his fellow men, she might never be in her present *position* — he paid for her to go to a good school.

"When his bank manager was going through the farm accounts, which were terribly in debt, he said: 'Why are you spending all this on your daughter's education? You should be spending it on fertiliser.' My father replied that education was the best fertiliser, and stayed in the red."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Charity begins in the laboratory: Bridget Ogilvie, the director of a multi-billion pound organisation

Home-made prints of peace

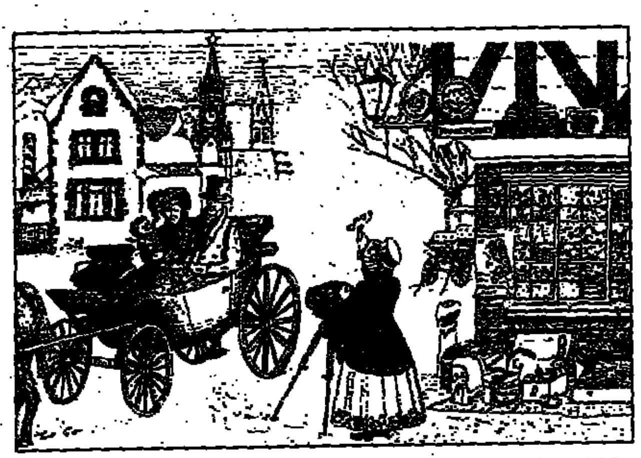
Why some people like to put themselves in the Christmas card picture

Are people who personalise their Christmas cards egocentric or simply frustrated artists? Every one of the two hundred million cards that will be sent out over the next two weeks carries some information about the giver: whether the detail explicit in the busy person's cyclostyled newsletter, or the general implicit in the choice of card.

But the brave souls who design their own cards choose to display still more *information* about themselves.

The family of Alicia Collinson, a barrister, has drawn its own Christmas cards for 40 years, including in the illustrations *references* to the year's personal landmarks.

"My father *started* it when he was on the *Northern Circuit,*" Ms *Collinson* says. "There'd be references to bar politics, but mainly details of the family, our achievements, hobbies and travels, usually in Victorian settings. It was more than a Christmas card: over the years they have formed a pictorial family record."



Story of a family's year: Alicia Collinson's card for 1990

Ms Collinson continued the *tradition in her own family:* her *husband*, Damian Green, a television presenter and the Conservative candidate for Brent East, and their young daughter.

"Last year I put the three of us in a Victorian coaching scene. There were references to the Kremlin, because Damian went to Moscow; *Twin Peaks* in the background, and the gite in France *where we went for our summer holidays.*

"This year, to reflect how our daughter has taken over our lives, I've relegated Damian and me to a portrait on the wall of a domestic *Christmas scene.*"

Delia Ray and her husband Jonathan Oxlade started their own tradition five years ago, when they combined a Christmas card with a change of address card.

"On the front, I drew our new house in Colchester, with a Christmas tree in the front and a star in the window," Ms Ray says. "It's gone on from there: we like doing them and our friends like receiving them. We find it both cheaper to do — last year's cost about 10p each — and much more fun. We've become more sophisticated: at first it was just photocopying one side. Now we Letraset the message, use cut-outs, whatever."

The children of one of her relatives take it in turns to do a drawing of the family which is subsequently printed. "It's always *intriguing* — seeing whether *the father has kept his beard and if the family dog's still* going . . ."

One group of people who have obvious reasons for producing their own cards are professional artists. However, there is a display element in artists' cards, which somehow removes them from the truly personal. One year, Gillian Taylor, the miniaturist, printed a snow scene in complex *relief*, with *her printer's* mark in the corner and her signature above: making it both a business card and a collector's item.

The epitome of personal design remains with Ms Collinson's ilk, though with *her family's* high *profile* her cards are also an advertisement. Some might quibble over the personal commandeering of a religious festival, but within the conversion of *Christmas* to a secular festival, *do-it-yourself* design at least shows that time and trouble have been taken.

But coded information can be ambiguous. Last year, Ms Collinson included a coat of arms surtitled "Freedom" and the date: November 27. She was referring to the Freedom of the City awarded to her; others remembered Margaret Thatcher's fall and put Mr Green, *rightly or wrongly*, on the party's triumphant left wing.

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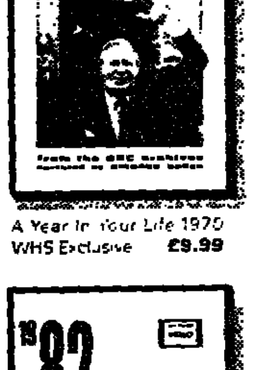

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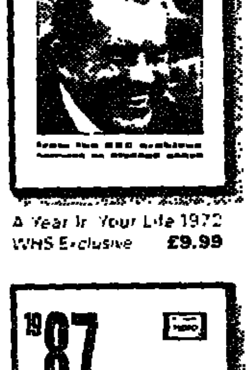

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An end in sight to class struggle

Jonathan Clark believes that, far from being socially divided, Britain is surprisingly close to a classless society

George Orwell wrote in 1940: "England is the most class-ridden society under the sun. It is a land of snobbery and privilege, ruled largely by the old and silly." Historians and sociologists, economists and political scientists, churchmen and journalists all endorsed his main premise. Some defended it, others deplored it; few disbelieved that class was really there.

The idea of a transition to a classless society seemed almost inconceivable in 1940. Historians were still busy debating whether the standard of living of the working class rose or fell during the industrial revolution. Few of them doubted that industrialisation naturally generated class, and class structure was assumed to be objectively present in industrial society, like steel girders in a modern building. England, as the first industrial society, was the paradigm case.

Establishment historians expounded the virtues and achievements of the élite in state-building, empire or the invention of parliamentary government and the rule of law; middle-class apologists such as James Mill had produced equally polemical defences of the middling ranks; others, such as G.D.H. Cole, rearranged proletarian history into the "long march of everyman". All assumed the reality of class.

George Orwell: chronicler of snobbish distinctions

Only in the last two decades have the intellectual foundations of these shared assumptions been undermined. Marx's claim that "the class struggle necessarily leads to the dictatorship of the proletariat" could always be referred to future verification. Now the existence of class struggle at all is challenged by historians who replace a watershed industrial revolution with a pattern of messy evolution, emphasise the survival of old attitudes, and doubt that the social change necessarily promoted stratification.

Historians increasingly write of class not as a structure but as a descriptive language, partially adopted in the early 19th century for ideological reasons, and not because class objectively "emerged" with industrialisation.

If class were a structural feature of modern societies, it would hardly fade away; but class as a descriptive language, a set of categories or expectations, might easily be replaced by some other language. Race and religion, the rise of feminism and the ecology movement, the contest between Euro-euphoria and radical individualism — all have produced a political vocabulary profoundly different from that of 1940.

At its worst, class-consciousness was a neurosis that never found its English Freud. Its strains produced good fiction (Nancy Mitford, Evelyn Waugh) but unhappy lives. Class identity was depicted as inherent, almost a genetic inheritance. In *The Road To Wigan Pier*, the Etonian Orwell recorded that his upbringing had taught him to believe that "the lower classes smell". They were indelibly different. Yet Orwell never thought that losing their class prejudices would make his contemporaries classless. This was least of all the case, he added, with the socialist bourgeoisie, who would never admit to their real and deep dislike of the working class.

Even as Orwell lamented the apogee of class, however, deep changes were afoot: "After 1918 began to appear something that had never existed in England before: people of indeterminate social class. In 1910 every human being in these islands could be 'placed' in an instant by his clothes, manners and accent. That is no longer the case." Orwell discerned the rise of the engineers, scientists, skilled and service sector workers for whom traditional class ideas were merely irrelevant. Orwell predicted that wartime patriotism would prove stronger than class, and saw Dunkirk as the symbolic event. In 1940 he went further: "The experience of all classes in society tends to become more and more alike ... class distinctions in a country like England are now so unreal that they cannot last much longer."

This was premature rather than wrong. Smokestack industries hung on for decades. Bourgeois intellectuals celebrated and sought to preserve the old culture of class, as in television series like *Coronation Street*. Despite their efforts, de-classification, which united the technicians and executives in the 1960s, spilled over in the 1980s to engulf the lower middle and part of the working class itself.

Political slogans tend to work only after they have become realities. The property-owning democracy became a catchphrase once about 60 per cent of houses were owner-occupied. Perhaps classlessness works as an ideal after a similar slice of society has abandoned its class self-image. But there is more to it than that.

A lifetime's preoccupation with social relations led Orwell to what he saw as a great discovery. His vision, in *Coming up for Air* and elsewhere, rehabilitated the lower middle class. If only they could break from their historical nostalgia and defensive class consciousness, they might provide the natural leaders the working class lacked and was powerless without.

Abandoning class but sharing ordinary English decencies and common sense, the two groups could go on to build a better society. At the time, this visionary role for the hated petit bourgeoisie flew in the face of Marxist theory and everyday experience. In John Major's Britain, it seems peculiarly close to the final outcome.

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Terry Waite's release should ensure that tolerance and evangelism live together, argues **Dr George Carey**

Break hatred's chains

The return of Terry Waite made vivid to me the terrible ordeal of the hostages in Lebanon. As he spoke of his years in chains, of being deprived of light, books, pen and ink, of family and friends, I felt anger and disgust welling up in me. There is no cause which can justify such inhumane actions. Terry and the other hostages are remarkable for their dignity and forgiveness in the face of appalling treatment, but inhumanity has not been confined to other nations. In Lambeth Palace there is a sad room where six centuries ago the Lollards were chained.

We human beings are an intolerant lot, passionate about things we believe in and too eager to condemn and persecute those who differ from us. So an urgent question confronting us is: can passion and tolerance exist side by side?

To that question Baroness Wootton once remarked wryly: "People are tolerant only about things they don't care about." But that, of course is not genuine tolerance. If people have no convictions they are not being tolerant if they allow others their way. They are simply indifferent. Tolerance implies deeply felt convictions and values, passions held in check by compassion.

The issue is of great importance to our society, as minority groups seek to make their contribution to the community and to practise their distinctive religions within it. We are called to be tolerant of those whose way of living and behaving is not like ours. It becomes a problem when religions clash fiercely at the ideological level and make claims which call into question the beliefs of those who differ from them.

Christianity, the most widespread faith in this land, faces a particular challenge from the multiplicity of faiths now practised here. Christianity has always been, and will no doubt remain, a missionary faith. The gospel it enshrines is one that commands it to "go and make disciples". The concept of God it embraces is Christ-centred. This is not something we apologise about, but if tolerance has something to do with "allowing" or "permitting" another faith, we may ask whether missionary faiths can co-exist side by side? Is it time for Christianity to abandon its evangelistic zeal?

This is not an option open to any follower of Jesus Christ. We are called to share our faith humbly with our neighbours — and humility is one of the hardest but most necessary of virtues. Christians have to realise that their history has included some shameful examples of intolerance: against Jews, against Muslims, against fellow Christians. Our zeal to evangelise can become a terrible and frightening weapon, far removed from the loving tolerance that characterised the one who said: "Come unto me all you who are weary and are heavy laden." But, that gracious invitation to "come" has often in the past been turned into compulsion and therefore menace. All methods of coercion that threaten, manipulate or target another religious group must be rejected as unworthy of the name we bear.

It is my hope that my Church, while deeply committed to the uniqueness of the revelation given to us in Christ and committed to the universality of that gospel, will yet understand that the renewal of our life in the Church and the mission to those beyond it must go hand-in-hand.

This Decade of Evangelism must begin with, and constantly include, prayer and work for the quality and integrity of what goes on within the Church. This is why the Spearhead initiative which the Archbiship of York and I are launching aims to reach the 90 per cent of the 25 million baptised Anglicans who have slipped away from the Church. We must show our commitment to the young, whose common complaint is that they find us "boring"; commitment to the task of building up the local parish church; a refinement of synodical and legal structures so that our resources are well deployed; above all, a commitment to a joyful faith that may speak again to our contemporaries.

So can passion and tolerance live side by side? My experience is that they can if we listen to each other with integrity and compassion. To this task we must all give our attention, otherwise there will be more dark prisons where future Terry Waites and Tom Sutherlands will be victims of our hatreds and narrow sympathies.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will lecture at York University tonight on "Tolerating Religion".

Agreement is not in the bag

A WEEK IN POLITICS

Peter Riddell says John Major will need the skill of Houdini before Maastricht

So the Great Commons Debate on Europe resolved nothing. It could not before the Maastricht summit in two-and-a-half weeks' time. It was primarily an exercise in what John Major does best, managing his own party. He is above all the prime minister as chief whip, carefully handling critics, arranging breakfast, for instance, with Norman Tebbit on Tuesday before the debate. Every faction was allowed its say.

And last night Mr Major duly received overwhelming support from Tory MPs for his negotiating position. But there were uncomfortable moments. Mrs Thatcher and others drew lines in the sand to show what is not acceptable. The referendum rabbit is now out and running, with Downing Street in clumsy pursuit.

As a debate, it was better than it might have been. Parliamentary occasions talked up in advance tend to be anti-climactic, but this was not. The Great Men and the Great Woman of British politics all participated, the dissenters more absorbing than the loyalists.

But as ministers are not slow to point out, many leaders of what have become known as the Euro-sceptics are retiring from the Commons. After the election, the guerrilla band on the Tory backbenches will be led by captains rather than generals. As Mrs Thatcher delivered her headmistress's address, government frontbenchers sitting two rows below, all her creations, sat squirming like embarrassed schoolboys, wishing she would go away, and aware that soon she will not be around.

Mr Major's speech on Wednesday was one of his best, in marked contrast to his scrappy and partisan performance during the Queen's Speech debate three weeks ago. Mr Major's approach reflects the public's desire both for Britain to play a positive leadership role in the Community and its reservations about increasing Brussels intrusiveness into British life. By comparison, the Opposition speakers sounded less convincing, in part because the three main party leaders are in broad agreement about Maastricht. "We are better Europeans than you" has little resonance. Neil Kinnock's speech reads better than it sounded: he never recovered from an early silly squabble with a Tory MP.

Mr Kinnock sought to differentiate Labour by arguing that the government was playing for a draw, but a Labour government would have trouble persuading the rest of the Community, or rather Germany, to accept its "wider and more positive concept of economic convergence", involving regional policies and convergence of growth and employment. The Liberal Democrats have always been the most pro-integrationist party, but Paddy Ashdown is in danger of being too far ahead of public opinion, and has blurred his message by jumping on the referendum bandwagon.

But there was about the debate an air of unreality and isolation from the real arguments in windswept Dutch hotels. In the Don Pacifico debate of 1850, all Europe was listening when Palmerston, Lord John Russell, Peel, Disraeli, Gladstone and Cobden spoke on the not dissimilar issue of the rights of British citizens abroad. It was the lion's loudest roar. Now Britain is only one among twelve.

Mr Major's shrewd assessment of the British mood may not be enough to bring agreement. What may sound sensible to most MPs sounds like the dragging of feet to many in the rest of the Europe, just another example of British ambivalence.

Mr Major and Douglas Hurd left no doubt in their speeches that Britain wants to reach agreement at Maastricht. But Mr Major said it would be a "setback" not to reach an agreement. This would undermine his claim to be forging a better relationship with the EC, but it would also not end the matter. As Sir Geoffrey Howe argued, if the government were to be negative at Maastricht, other countries might press ahead on their own and "might ensure that we would be left behind, possibly under a Labour government".

But we cannot afford agreement at any price. Mr Major sought to distance himself from Mrs Thatcher's last minute U-turns at European summits when he warned other countries against believing that Britain would "sign up to whatever is on offer at the 59th minute of the 11th hour". This is no bluff. He knows that extensions of Community competence into areas such as industrial practice and union relations and the ending of national frontier controls would be unacceptable to many in the cabinet.

For agreement, he will have to compromise, probably over the role of the European Parliament and the environment. But the warnings Mrs Thatcher and others gave will exclude such deals. Mr Major will have to be prepared to confront such critics over any likely Maastricht agreement.

What of a referendum? Advocates range across the Euro-spectrum. Tory critics argue that allowing the people to decide is a way of avoiding a party split, just as Labour did in 1975 with the referendum on British membership of the EC. Mrs Thatcher captured yesterday's headlines and discomfited Downing Street, which appeared to be following in her wake when it allowed the possibility of one in the next parliament. Mr Major says a referendum on a single currency is a matter for a future parliament, but at least three cabinet ministers sympathise with the Tory critics; none pressed the point yesterday.

Mr Major still has several weeks of delicate manoeuvring at home and abroad before he is out of the European trap. Ministers talk in the language of escapology: "I think we'll make it, but I would not bet on it."

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

Monday was the first day of the rest of my life. Monday I began a new career. Monday I became a travelling salesman.

I looked the part. I had the brown trilby; I had the brown suit; I had the brown tie; I had the brown shoes. When I looked down, I could see the trilby reflected in the shoes. Here is one of the top travelling salesmen, you would have said. This man is spick. You could eat your dinner off him. This man could sell anything. That, at least, is what I told myself. Because a salesman's got to dream, boy; it comes with the territory.

Not easy, when the territory is Leeds. Leeds was cut off. I arrived at King's Cross with 15 minutes to catch the 13.10, but the 13.10 was not there to be caught. It had been replaced by a big sign saying that a wire had snapped at Hatch End. Why it had snapped was not explained, possibly because it had been snapped by a falling leaf and BR had taken all the cartoons it could take. I began to sweat into the brown suit. The brown suit began to wrinkle.

Two other men were looking at the sign. They were pretty spick, too. They also had briefcases. One of the briefcases had *Richard Wallis* on it, in gold. Its owner cursed for a bit, and said to the other man: "The 13.00 out of St Pancras to Edinburgh stops at Sheffield, we could change at Sheffield for Leeds." Dick knew stuff like that, because Monday was not the first day of the rest of his life. You could tell that.

St Pancras is next door to King's Cross. I galloped, Dick galloped, we galloped all three. Crossing the road was easy, I was a short head up at the further kerb, but St Pancras stands atop three flights of steps and I had not been trained at the Willy Loman School of Inter-Terminal Sprinting like Dick and his friend, and I tripped on the third flight and they went past me like whippets while I stopped to replace a shoe which had become horribly scuffed. When I looked down, now, I could see the trilby reflected in only one toecap.

Still, I made the 13.00. By the time I did so, however, it had been made by most of the people in the world. The sides of the coaches were buckling. But I found a slot to wedge myself into and I put the brown trilby on the rack, to make it easier for someone to throw a rucksack onto it. The trilby was now flat. If you put it back on, you would not want to see it reflected, even in one toecap.

The train lurched off, and all the other travelling salesmen began working where they stood. They took out lap-top computers, even though they did not have laps, and they clacked away. I did not have a computer, but I worked, too. I worked at trying to get mustard off the brown tie after the brown tie was passed by a man squeezing back from the buffet with a half-eaten hamburger. The rest of his hamburger was on my remaining toecap.

Had you seen me, three hours later, a loose pile of scuffed and wrinkled stains on the Sheffield platform, you would not have said: Here is a top travelling salesman, bound for Austicks City Bookshop in Leeds to sell tonnes of his new book at his first ever signing-session, attracting hordes of purchasers by his amazing spickness. You would have said: Here is a tramp they have just thrown off the Edinburgh train. That is why he is in Sheffield.

When I finally got to Leeds, Austicks had shut and I couldn't sort things out for Tuesday's big event, but they let me in at Queen's Hotel, times are tough, any tramp in a storm, and I went to bed, only I couldn't sleep, and the next morning the wrinkled suit had a wrinkled face to match, so I took the lot round to Austicks in the new hope that people might buy books not because the author was amazingly spick, but because he looked as though he could do with a square meal.

The signing was set for 12.30. It was the moment Terry Waite stepped onto the tarmac at RAF Lyneham, to enable everyone in Leeds to go home to watch him on television. You would think that having hung on for 1,763 days, one more wouldn't have killed him. The man calls himself a Christian, after all, and it comes with the territory.

THE TIMES DIARY

Heavyweight role

SO WHO will play Robert Maxwell? Independent film producers are already planning to commit to celluloid the life of the late newspaper proprietor, and are sounding out potential stars.

Jack Gold, who directed *The Naked Civil Servant*, a film about Quentin Crisp's life, is in the running to make the film. Gold's version would be modelled on the Orson Welles classic *Citizen Kane*. He has even mapped out how the film would start. "There would be a splash in the water. Then we would follow the ripples in the water, which are symbolic of the waves Maxwell caused," he says. And which actor would take the part? Marlon Brando, he suggests, without saying whether for his Oscar-winning acting skills or his Maxwellian physique.

Michael Winner, the award winning film director, is also keen. "But I would want Bob Hoskins to take the lead. I would be more interested in directing it once we know whether or not he was murdered."

Justin Hardy, a director from the London production company Hardy Perennial, is already negotiating with European production companies about a film. "My proposed script starts with Maxwell falling off the boat. We would then return to his birth. It would be a classic whodunnit. Only one man could fill the part, Alexei Sayle."

Peter Goodchild, a producer at BBC films, says: "Only yesterday I was talking to my colleagues about a Maxwell film. It would be a fascinating drama documentary or television film."

Tom Bower's book *Maxwell the Outsider* is likely to be used as a film script. "My agents are thinking about it already," says Bower, who exposed much of the Lichtenstein connection in Maxwell's complicated financial affairs. "It will be a fantastic drama. It has got intrigue, crime and mystery, plus Maxwell's wartime heroics." And who does Bower think should play the part? "Perhaps Leo McKern, but I don't think any actor is good enough to portray the real man."

● *Diplomats who disagree with government policy can subtly indicate their displeasure, according to Sir Harold Walker, our man in Iraq. Interviewed in* The Wykehamist, *the magazine of his alma mater, Winchester College, he says: "If I go along with the ruling I will say 'we think'. If I don't, I say 'the British government thinks'."*

Cover boy

BRADFORD is already holding a referendum. Not about Europe, but about the artistic merits of David Hockney's latest work of art for his home city.

The blue-and-yellow picture of Bradford city hall, with J.B. Priestley's statue in the background, adorns the front cover of Bradford council's *Travel Guide 1992*, but within hours of its first public showing on Tuesday, the picture had caused such a stir that the *Bradford Evening Telegraph & Argus* decided to put it to the public test. Readers are being asked to respond to the newspaper's question: "Is it a childish daub or another masterpiece?"

Bradford's most famous export — he now lives in Los Angeles — also put the city hall on the front cover of the 1989 telephone directory. But that was not universally acclaimed either. Mike Glover, the newspaper's editor, says: "There was a huge debate last time, and there will be this time, which is why we have posed the question."

Hockney must be hoping Wellington primary school, where he was a pupil, does not respond. It sent to the paper a painting of its own for the telephone directory at the time, and most readers preferred it to the Hockney.

Europe's battlefield

THE name Maastricht has already entered the English language as a symbol of profound political significance. The town's history as one of the most fought over battlefields of European history well equips it for its present role.

Half of the EC nations — the Spanish, the British, the French, the Belgians and the Germans as well as the Dutch — have all at some time sought or won control of the town on the banks of the river Maas. Even D'Artagnan, he of the musketeers, fought on its battlefields in 1673, when the French captured the town from the Dutch.

Its famous basilica contains a *sedes sapientiae*, or seat of wisdom, on which, presumably, Jacques Delors plans to be seated next month. Delors' disciples, meanwhile, will no doubt gather at the *Bonnefantenmuseum*, or good children museum. The Basilica of Our Lady is clearly where followers of the anti-federalist Queen Margaret will rally their forces, while the town's *Helpoort*, or Gate to Hell, obviously leads to the federalist road down which John Major and Douglas Hurd refuse to travel.

Oustings

BLOODLETTING over Europe is continuing in the Tory party. George Gardiner, one of the party's most doughty Thatcherites, has been ousted from the vice-chairmanship of the Tory backbench foreign affairs committee by Cyril Townsend. Gardiner chairs the 92 group of Tories.

Townsend was a leading supporter of Michael Heseltine's leadership bid. Earlier this year the Bexleyheath MP defeated a deselection move by constituency activists over his role in Mrs Thatcher's fall.

● *Tact is not Lucinda Lambton's strong point, it seems. Interviewed on BBC1's Pebble Mill yesterday, she was asked about her pet architectural hates. Looking around the studio, she replied that "this place" would do for starters, adding that the new BBC building in White City would come a close second. The interviewer moved swiftly on.*

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welfare, or for Valéry Giscard d'Es- the French left into a distinctly one deputy in the assembly. better than none

THE 'S' WORD

Is Parliament really sovereign? Can it abandon its authority to treaties, referendums, foreign agencies and courts or coalitions of foreign governments? No idea has been more abused in the debate on European unity than that Parliament is the sovereign institution of British democracy. On Wednesday night, Downing Street suggested that a referendum on Maastricht would infringe parliamentary sovereignty; it later added that anyway a referendum would be "for Parliament to decide". There is here an Everest of humbug.

The sovereignty of Parliament is a conceit of politicians. It dignifies their calling and distances them from the political acts of governments. Yet Parliament merely institutionalises what is truly sovereign in a democracy: the free choice of individual citizens at election time. Whipping and patronage threaten to reduce Parliament as the central institution of democratic sovereignty to a charade.

It is the government not Parliament that is the potent embodiment of this sovereignty between elections. If Mr Major wants a referendum as a proxy for a general election, a referendum Mr Major can have. A referendum is a tool in the hand of ministers, as Harold Wilson showed in 1975. Used deftly, it can help construct a desired consensus; mishandled, it can cause serious injury. The Euro-sceptics do not really want rule by referendum. Some of them want a referendum in the hope that it might stop a particular policy. It will only do that if the government so chooses.

Just as governments can choose to delegate their acquired sovereignty internally, so they can cede authority to a treaty organisation. This does not involve any "surrender to Brussels". It is a delegation to the European Commission or the Council of Ministers of specific areas of public policy. Margaret Thatcher rightly pointed out on Wednesday that her concession of majority voting under the Single European Act covered trade and commerce, not social or economic policy. Likewise, Nato was a delegation of authority over defence and some aspects of foreign affairs. The British people retain a sovereign right to revoke such treaty obligations.

Certainly if a people wishes to secede from a treaty or union, it must take account of the consequences. But every nation has the right of self-determination. Where a treaty is oppressive or inert, nations will renounce membership unless restrained by force: witness the Warsaw Pact and Comecon.

The institutions of the European Community, whether seen as shackles or engines of liberty, are the delegates of sovereign states. The European Community is not and never will be a unitary state with pooled sovereignty. Only those blind to history, culture and politics can seriously posit Europe as a single state or its parliament as a properly accountable assembly. Only dictators have been captivated by such a vision.

What is for debate, and fierce debate, are *the appropriate* functions for delegation to a treaty organisation. For too great a delegation might cause a nation's democratic system to degenerate. Popular sovereignty expressed through accountable party government might simply atrophy. This does not diminish a nation's sovereignty, but would diminish its democratic expression and thus erode support for decisions taken in its name. The peoples of France, Italy and Greece have already shown little inclination to accept even such authority in trade and agriculture as was delegated by them to the EC in the Single European Act. How would they react to a supranational immigration, housing and land-use policy?

True believers in democratic sovereignty must ask two questions of those negotiating the Maastricht treaties. The first is that of subsidiarity. Must the powers now claimed for a Europe-wide authority really be exercised by delegated authority at supranational level? The onus of proof must be on those who wish to remove authority from within the ambit of sovereign states. So far, the test has clearly been passed only by trade and related matters of international law, as recognised in the Single European Act.

Second, where this test is passed, what is the best method of ensuring that the superior authority remains answerable to member nations? Jacques Delors and most of his Commission want an authority so interventionist as to invite defiance by electorates throughout the Community. Their Europe would eventually be a mire of indiscipline, neglected directives, ignored court orders, unpaid fines and rebellious electorates. The evidence lies on every desk in his Berlaymont palace.

The British government has rightly challenged the Commission to implement its existing delegated authority, notably to achieve a common market in 1992. Meanwhile, the government is insisting that the Council of Ministers is the better forum to which any further delegations of authority should be made. The Council is a far from perfect treaty organisation. Its members are often intoxicated with a cocktail of European idealism and domestic politics. But those members, elected ministers all, know they must walk firmly on democratic soil, soil inalienable from the sovereignty of a nation state. There is no other way forward if international co-operation is to work.

ISLAND OF OPPRESSION

Two massacres of East Timorese civilians by the Indonesian army in the past ten days have forced that neglected and brutalised people back into the consciousness of the world. The Indonesian annexation is said by the resistance to have cost the lives of some 200,000 civilians over the last 16 years. The United Nations is being urged by Portugal to challenge this vicious occupation. But the great democratic powers – America, Europe and Japan – have so far shown no serious determination to bring the Indonesian government's crimes against humanity in East Timor to an end.

After the Portuguese revolution of 1975, the governor fled the island. The nationalist movement Fretilin then declared independence. On the day after President Ford and Henry Kissinger left Jakarta in December 1975, the Indonesian army poured into East Timor. Jakarta periodically declares that the guerrilla war against Fretilin, which has lasted ever since, is over and that the Timorese are content to be a province of the world's largest Muslim nation. The Roman Catholic East Timorese see matters differently.

The first of the recent massacres, on Tuesday last week, seems to have been started by the crack units of the Indonesian army assigned to the territory. At a funeral in the capital, Dili, the large crowd of mourners appears to have been swelled by children walking to school. In any event both mourners and children fled into the cemetery as the army opened fire. Their commander said there was between five and ten minutes of continuous fire. Though the army claimed only 19 deaths, other witnesses put the number at more than 150.

More disturbing, because indubitably premeditated, was the incident last Friday. Reports from several sources suggest that about 80 surviving witnesses of the funeral massacre were taken to a well-known execution ground outside the capital and shot. The Indonesians have promised an enquiry, but there is little chance that it will be impartial.

The Timorese believed that the liberation of Kuwait by force of Western arms augured well for their own cause. So far such hopes have not been fulfilled. The government of Portugal is again taking an interest in its former colony. In nearby Australia too, public opinion has forced Bob Hawke, the prime minister, to reconsider his recognition of the Indonesian annexation.

Yet the British government has no objection to arms sales to the Indonesians, among them Hawk military aircraft. The Foreign Office has not so far joined the Portuguese and Australians in drawing attention to East Timor. A question in the Commons this week elicited a bland response.

Britain as a permanent member of the UN Security Council could still press for a UN-sponsored referendum in East Timor. That would give immense encouragement to the Timorese. Such a plebiscite would be the only just method of ascertaining whether East Timor wishes to remain part of Indonesia, to revive links with Portugal or, most likely, to become independent. They have a right to such a choice.

GENERAL CAVIARE

Vladimir Nabokov recalls that, when his father set out to tramp 1,000 miles to escape the Russian revolution, the family cook supplied him with caviare sandwiches. The day when best beluga again fills that function is some way off, but the second Russian revolution appears to be bringing it nearer.

Under the tsars of communism, the caviare trade was controlled with iron discipline. The Soviet ruling class monopolised the supply: the decadent West was permitted only 150 tons a year. Not surprisingly, it fetched a luxury price. Now the monopoly is broken. The autonomous republics are competing to export the stuff. Though not all is of top grade, already the price is reported to be down 20 per cent.

As families go from clogs to riches and back to clogs, foods go from abundance to luxury in response to market forces, and back again. London's apprentice boys are said to have had it written into their contract that they should be fed salmon no more than six days a week, such was its abundance in the Thames. Filth took its toll and the salmon, caught only in northern waters by gentlemen anglers, became a luxury. Now, thanks to farming, it is in over-supply. Norwegian farms undercut the Scots; Eastern Europe is buried in exported surplus smoked salmon, and the farmers in despair have turned to halibut.

Oysters were once the food of the common man and, with black pudding, a staple ingredient in the humble Lancashire hotpot. They too became luxuries. They too are coming down in price thanks to oyster farming. Even the ultimate in symbolic luxury, champagne, goes through cheap patches, before the Grande Marques reassert their traditional control. Who will ever forget the year of Sainsbury's £5.99 fizz?

One doubt remains. To their discomfort, economists have long been aware that there are certain rare goods which defy their grim science. These are goods that are in demand only because they are expensive. If caviare plumets in price, the West might not still want to buy it. Russia's brave experiment in the free market in caviare would have failed, and it would be deprived of one of its strongest exports. Caviare, with bread, would perhaps again be the only food available in Soviet stores, and those fleeing the new revolution would find themselves sustained only by caviare sandwiches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Court ordeals for child witnesses

From the Director of the NSPCC

Sir, I am writing to express my outrage at the treatment of two child witnesses in the recent "Epping Forest" case (reports, November 20, etc). The case has collapsed on the basis that the evidence of one of the two children is not reliable. I cannot comment on the truth, or otherwise, of their very serious allegations, and this is the nub of my concern: no one will ever know if these children were abused. This cannot be in the interests of justice, or of children caught up in criminal proceedings.

A brief examination of the process which these children went through illustrates the abusive nature of the present system. It has taken 18 months for the case to come to court, a delay which many adults, let alone a distressed ten-year-old would find difficult to cope with.

The witness was not able to use video-link facilities to give her testimony. Despite the introduction of this reform in 1988, these are only available in 31 of the 100 or so crown court centres. The use of screens may have shielded the child from the defendants, but she was in plain sight of members of the public and press and I know from people who were in court that she was obviously aware of the shock that her testimony created. Their reaction may well have inadvertently added to her distress. Above all, a ten-year-old child was expected to recount matters of an intimate and sexual kind to a room full of strangers.

The government has introduced some important reforms which will help child witnesses. However, these are a small step when the opportunity has been presented to take a bold leap on behalf of vulnerable children.

Practical measures need to be taken now. Video links must be made available in all crown court centres. Children should be familiarised with the court room before they are called to give evidence. Judges and learned counsel should forgo the paraphernalia of wigs and gowns. Rooms should be allocated so the child never comes face to face with the defendant whilst waiting to go to court or during adjournments.

These small and commonsensical reforms could help to ensure that justice is done by allowing children to give coherent testimony, free from unnecessary stress. But even these reforms would be an interim measure.

I remain astonished that the government has still not seen fit fully to implement the Pigot report of December 1989, particularly in respect of pre-trial hearings. The compassionate approach of Pigot would mean that a child never had to appear in the courtroom or environs. Pre-trial hearings, conducted by a judge in chambers, would protect the child, maintain the rights of the defendant, and speed up the whole process.

On behalf of vulnerable child witnesses and their families – not to mention the professionals who watch months of work and public money wasted when a case collapses – I urge the government to act. It is a national scandal that the present system often fails to meet the interests of justice and the needs of those children it should be seeking to protect.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BROWN,
Director,
The National Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
67 Saffron Hill, EC1.
November 20.

Why Ulster on its own would fail

From Mr Alan Toop

Sir, Oh what a relief it would be for Englishmen like me if we could walk away from the problems of Northern Ireland, especially if we could salve our consciences by leaving in place the type of decent, liberal, constitutional arrangements described by Humphry Berkeley (letter, November 15).

The fatal flaw in his proposals is surely his assumption that the two main communities in Northern Ireland would be able to live together happily ever after, if only appropriate arrangements can be made. The evidence points rather to a level of profound distrust and enmity.

Certainly a radical solution seems necessary. A geographical separation of the two communities would offer better chances of success. Those large border areas where Catholic, Irish nationalists are in a large majority should be ceded to the Irish Republic.

"Loyalist" Protestants not wishing to remain in such areas should be offered generous compensation and assistance in moving out. Catholic nationalists in areas such as west Belfast, who do not wish to remain in what is now being clearly confirmed as a Protestant supremacy, should be offered similarly generous financial and practical help in resettling in the Republic, or wherever else they chose.

Clearly such uprooting will cause great heartache in families, some of whom have been settled in their present homes for many generations. But better such voluntary and assisted migration than fleeing from homes abandoned amid scenes of horrifying bloodshed which one must fear would be the consequence of withdrawal of British power.

What use Mr Berkeley's UN peace-keeping forces when warring communities do not wish to live at peace? And how ironic that we have a former government minister, Lord Carrington, busying himself with proposals for separating Serb from Croat when we fail so lamentably to take such decisive action within the borders of our own United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN TOOP,
93 Riverview Gardens, SW13.
November 18.

From Captain F. M. A. Torrens-Spence, RN (retd)

Sir, Mr Humphry Berkeley wants to withdraw the army from Northern Ireland, impose independence on the province without consent, and put in United Nations "peace keepers".

Let us be realistic. Once notice of this had been given there would be no peace to keep, but unprecedented conflict. The aim of the extreme nationalist faction is to procure the annexation of the province by the Republic, in fulfilment of the latter's constitution, and at whatever cost.

The level of IRA terrorism is a reflection of the IRA's appreciation of the attainability of this aim. Their confidence in this respect has been increasing steadily since 1969, for a variety of reasons emanating from Dublin and London.

Withdrawal of the British army from Northern Ireland would put this aim three quarters of the way to accomplishment, and the last thing the IRA would then do would be to stop there. Their next tactic would be to create such chaos as to compel the Republic to order its army into the "independent" Ulster to restore order, whether it wanted to or not.

As for the British Irish in Ulster, many of them would hasten to emigrate, as most of the Unionists in the south did after 1921. The rest would stay, with no option but to fight it out.

Is this what Mr Berkeley wants for Her Majesty's subjects in Ulster, Unionist and nationalist alike?

Yours faithfully,
F. M. A. TORRENS-SPENCE,
Drumcullen House, Ballydugan,
Downpatrick, Co. Down.

From Mr Jeremy Arnold

Sir, Mr Berkeley's proposals amount to creating another Yugoslavia: an exercise in constitutional theory which would be quite meaningless to the unfortunate citizens of the new state which he envisages. Indeed, Yugoslavia is merely the latest in a series of disasters attesting to the fact that a state to which significant minorities cannot give their loyalty is inherently unstable.

There is no conceivable sense in which the Catholic community would be able to give their loyalty to an independent Northern Ireland. The only real solution is one which realigns the province's political boundaries to coincide with the geographical boundaries of the two communities.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY ARNOLD,
The Butts, Cherington,
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, The sectarian nature of political parties in Northern Ireland could be broken if the main political parties of Great Britain organised in the province. The Conservative party started to organise there two years ago. Since then 11 Conservative constituency associations have been set up and each will be putting forward a Conservative candidate at the next general election. Already there are Conservative councillors in North Down, Lisburn, Carrickfergus, Larne and Coleraine. This has all been achieved without a professional organisation and on a financial shoestring.

Let us give democracy back to the people of Northern Ireland. With democracy will come dignity and with dignity will come a determination to beat the terrorists.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. STRAFFORD (Honorary
Vice-President, South Belfast
Conservative Association),
Perama, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Behind the scenes in Waite's release

From Mrs Shirley Williams

Sir, Thank you for your excellent coverage of Terry Waite's release, and in particular for mentioning the key role played by the late John Lyttle.

John Lyttle, who was for three years my adviser at the Department of Education and Science, worked with impressive dedication for Terry Waite's release. He came to know every twist and turn in the byzantine politics of the Shia factions in Lebanon. Time and again he cancelled badly-needed holidays because there was some new glimmer of hope to end Terry's long ordeal.

In the home-coming celebrations, John Lyttle's memory deserves a special toast.

Yours sincerely,
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS,
The Well House,
Causeway, Furneaux Pelham,
Nr Buntingford, Hertfordshire.
November 20.

From Mr R. M. Young

Sir, So Tom Sutherland, the former hostage, thinks the English take a long time to get things done, and that "We're going to have to get some American technology into the Church of England" (report, November 19). It would seem to me that Terry Waite's delay in getting the hostages out was due in no small part to American technology, especially that supplied to him by Col. O. North.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. YOUNG,
33 Bernstein Road, Brighton Hill,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
November 20.

From Ms Francesca Gilbert

Sir, I am appalled that on the very day we should be welcoming Terry Waite's return, much of the media, especially BBC television, appear to be more interested in pillorying him in connection with the Iran-Contra affair. The theme of *Panorama* this evening was that, unlike John McCarthy and Jackie Mann, he had brought his terrible ordeal on himself.

Such insensitivity at the moment this brave man who has endured so much sets foot on British soil beggars belief. I can only put it down to "media hostage fatigue".

Yours faithfully,
FRANCESCA GILBERT,
1 Lanbourne Grove,
Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.
November 19.

From Mr Richard Spring

Sir, We now know that taking hostages has been rejected in fundamentalist Islamic circles, at least in the Lebanon, as wrong and counter-productive. Playing with the freedom of individuals as bargaining chips has been shown to lead nowhere.

Saddam Hussein could equally do something to improve his international image by releasing Ian Richter, immediately. Holding him achieves nothing and simply attracts opprobrium. Let him display the same compassion as his fellow Muslims in Beirut.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SPRING,
118c Northgate Street,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
November 20.

From the Chief Executive of the Royal School of Church Music

Sir, Church bells have already pealed in celebration. Would it not be splendid if, on Sunday morning, every church organist were to play Terry Waite's favourite piece of organ music, Bach's *Toccata and Fugue in D minor*?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LAWRENCE,
Secretary and Chief Executive,
The Royal School of Church Music,
Addington Palace, Croydon, Surrey.
November 21.

Jury-room opinions

From Mr Antony Whitaker

Sir, Granada Television's research using "surrogate" juries sitting in on actual trials (Law Times, November 19) is both enterprising and enlightened, given the rigidly Trappist silence imposed on jurors by the Contempt of Court Act, 1981. It is the nearest one can get in Britain to a sensible evaluation of what happens in the jury room.

Not so, however, across the Irish Sea, where Granada might reap an even richer harvest. In Dublin, while television cameras may not enter the court precincts or the jury room, there is nothing whatever to stop jurors elaborating on their deliberations once a case is over.

My experience of libel juries in that delightful city has been that, with a little liquid encouragement, the problem is more to stop them than to provoke them into airing their views, defamatory and otherwise, of the case, the personalities – which witnesses they believed and why, what they thought of counsel and the judge – and generally all aspects of how they thought the system worked.

It is a freer jurisdiction than this one, and healthier for it. An end to the absolute embargo over here, authorising *bona fide* research into assessments by laymen of their fellow citizens' supposed peccadilloes, is badly needed.

We tend to admire the jury system because we believe, *probably* quite rightly, that it acts as a welcome brake on parliamentary, administrative or judicial excess: witness the acquittals of Ponting, and more recently of Randle and Pottle. Who would not give his ears (in either sense) to discover the jury-room opinions on the merits of those prosecutions?

Until jurors are allowed to speak freely, we can never know whether we are right or wrong. Nor can we take steps to improve the system.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY WHITAKER,
14 Belmont Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
November 20.

A Danish example

From Mr Jens Frederik Hansen

Sir, Lord Scarman ("The system must change", Law Times, November 19) advocates, among much else, the introduction of an inquisitorial mode of criminal procedure. May I point out that in Denmark judicial enquiry before the trial led to the development of a practice whereby courts ordered suspects to be remanded in custody not pending trial, but *pending confession*.

Even today – 70 years after the return to adversarial justice – Denmark continues to lead in the use of custody and solitary confinement before trial, and regularly attracts the attention of the European Court of Human Rights and Amnesty International for this. Is more proof required?

Yours faithfully,
JENS FREDERIK HANSEN,
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2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark.
November 20.

Low lamps for high

From the Managing Director of Southern Electric

Sir, Nigel Hawkes ("Exercise in futility", November 5) calls on the Southern Electricity Board to introduce low-interest loans to encourage electricity customers to install low-energy light bulbs.

In fact, Southern Electric, as the successor to the SEB, has been promoting sales in exactly this way since March: three different brands and wattages and our customers can buy four or more low-energy lamps, paying for them on deferred terms through their electricity bill.

The promotion of these lamps has been a great success and more than 14,000 have been sold to date.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY CASLEY,
Managing Director,
Southern Electric,
Littlewick Green,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Food labelling

From Mr Roger Manley

Sir, Your interesting report on how "claims on food baffle the shopper" (November 12) contains a hidden, possible answer to correcting so many of the unhelpful, even misleading descriptions on products with which law enforcement officers grapple.

You include reference to prosecutions recently lost by a local authority when any reasonable person would have considered the description applied to the goods to be false or misleading. Magistrates are, understandably, loath to convict where no definitions exist or where opinion on what is and is not misleading is clearly divided.

Perhaps we need a different form of tribunal for resolving many of the issues which I and my colleagues seek to address. An administrative law has been suggested by some, as is used in other countries. I would prefer a tribunal representing business, consumers and enforcement officers who had the power to determine such issues without anyone being at jeopardy.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER MANLEY (County Fair
Trading and Advice Officer),
Cheshire County Council,
Backford Hall, Chester.
November 13.

Dartford tolls

From Mr Robin Symington

Sir, The new bridge carrying the M25 southwards across the Thames at Dartford provides a welcome relief for motorists from queues at the existing tunnel.

However, there is already the suggestion that the toll booths are on the "wrong side", because sited where they are means that any tailback of traffic is stationary on the bridge, which makes some travellers feel uneasy.

Is it not possible to do away with tolls entirely on the southbound carriageway, and to recompense by charging double the tolls on the northbound route? Such a course of action would seem to save time and trouble, and a similar scheme is already in practice on the Tamar bridge between Devon and Cornwall.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN SYMINGTON
(Secretary),
East Sussex Tourist Attractions
Association Ltd.,
Coopers Farm,
Chiddingly,
Lewes, East Sussex.
November 19.

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Occupational hazard?

From Mr D. R. D. Vass

Sir, Many thanks for publishing the table of liver cirrhosis mortality among British males (report, November 18), a compilation worthy of Beachcomber. The disparity between publicans (with a risk factor of 10.2) and innkeepers (3.1) is, however, totally baffling, unless "publican" is to be understood in the biblical sense.

I confess to being somewhat piqued that schoolmasters appear not at all. Practitioners of a highly hazardous profession, frequent reference among them to the works of the excellent Mr Gordon and the famous Mr Grouse is a necessity if a modicum of sanity is to be retained.

Yours sincerely,
D. R. D. VASS,
The Old Bakehouse, Mill Wynd,
East Linton, East Lothian.

From Mr Joseph Fitton

Sir, During a lifetime spent in the cotton industry I have come across a great many female winders and reelers, but no male ones. Bad yarn could conceivably drive anyone to drink, but I am particularly intrigued as to the whereabouts of the men to whom Mr Peter Needham (letter, November 19) refers.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH FITTON,
Managing Director,
Associated Spinners Ltd.,
Facit Mill, Whitworth, Lancashire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited RAF Brize Norton this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby) and Group Captain K.D. Filbey (Officer Commanding RAF Brize Norton).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured displays in the Base Hangar and were then entertained to luncheon in the Officers' Mess. Subsequently, Her Majesty visited the Station Help Information Voluntary Exchange facility and unveiled a commemorative plaque. The Countess of Airlie, The Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Brian Pennicott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning, upon the departure of the President of the Republic of Hungary and Mrs Göncz and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by His Excellency Mr Alan Pover, United Kingdom High Commissioner in Banjul, at the funeral of His Excellency Mr Horace R. Monday, High Commissioner for The Gambia in London, which was held in Banjul today.

November 21: The Duke of York, Patron of the Badminton Association of England, today attended a reception and luncheon at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of West Midlands (The Right Hon The Earl of Aylesford). Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

November 21: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a reception for the Diary Committee in Buckingham Palace.

November 21: The Princess Royal today visited Kent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (the Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton). Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, visited the Shenstone and Milestone Groups at Mount Mascal Stables, Bexley.

Afterwards The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, opened the Occupational Therapy Departments at Christ Church College, North Holmes Road and Nunnery Fields Hospital, Canterbury.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, visited the Bureau at 43 Stone Street, Faversham.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, then visited the Fund's shop, 28 High Street, Sittingbourne. Finally Her Royal Highness visited the Citizens' Advice Bureau, 46 Green Street, Gillingham. In the evening The Princess Royal attended the Institute of Directors' Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 21: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Concert at St James's Palace given to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the English-Speaking Music Scholarship Fund. Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 21: The Duke of Gloucester, President, the National Association of Boys' Clubs, today visited Boys' Clubs in Dorset. His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Lord Digby). Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 21: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, today opened the new Day Care Centre at St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley, West Sussex and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (The Duke of Richmond and Gordon). Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 21: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major-General A. Makepeace-Warne, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel M.J.W. Grubb (3rd Battalion), Lieutenant-Colonel M.J. Rescorle (5th Battalion), and Lieutenant-Colonel C. Burt (8th Battalion).

Later Her Royal Highness, President of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, received Admiral Sir Anthony Morton upon retiring as Chairman and General Sir John Stibbon on assuming this appointment.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend a luncheon at the Hotel Piccadilly, Manchester, at 12.30 in aid of the Booth Hall Children's Hospital accident and emergency unit and the Macmillan Fund for Cancer Relief North West Area; will visit the Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Blackley, at 3.15; and will attend The Royal Exchange Theatre Company's production of *Medea* at 7.20.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will open the Language Centre and Bloomsbury Computer Centre at University College London, Gower Street, at 10.30; as Patron of SENSE, will present the Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People's Interpreters' and Examiners Exam Certificates at Chelsea Old Town Hall at 2.35; and will attend the HMY Britannia reunion dinner at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, at 7.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Air Chief Commandant of the WRAF, will visit RAF College Cranwell at 3.00 to mark her 90th birthday.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, will attend the Officers' Association dinner at the Army and Navy Club at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Roy Petley Exhibition at the Century Galleries, Henley-on-Thames, at 7.30.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Adam-Turner
and Mrs P. Cole
The marriage of Mr Michael Adam-Turner to Mrs Patricia Cole, widow (née Hoey) will take place in the Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sherborne, on Thursday, November 28, 1991, at 11.30am.

Mr I.G. Campbell
and Miss M.P. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of Mr and Mrs T. Campbell, of Balnabeggan, Perthshire, and Maureen, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Thompson, of Tildarg, Co Antrim.

Mr E. Carolides
and Miss S.L. McClean
The engagement is announced between Thymis, only son of Mr and Mrs Leonidas Carolides, of Athens, Greece, and Sarah, daughter of Dr E.G. and Dr Y.G. McClean, of Angmering, West Sussex.

Mr H. Crocker
and Miss O. Hilfreich
The engagement is announced between Howard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. Crocker, of London, and Orit, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hilfreich, of New York.

Mr J.N. Davies
and Miss J.P. Le-Cun
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs E. Davies, of Worcester, and Jeanette, daughter of Mrs E. Le-Cun and the late Mr J. Le-Cun, MBE, of Llantwit Major, South Wales.

Mr M.W. Davies
and Miss E.L. May
The engagement is announced between Mark Weston, son of Wing Commander and Mrs J.W. Davies, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. May, of Cefn Coed, Glamorgan.

Mr H. Gwynne-Brown
and Mrs J.L. Davis-Worner
The engagement is announced between Gwynne Brown, OBE, of Bradford on Avon, and Lavinia Davis-Worner, of Wingfield, Wiltshire.

Mr G.D. Hewett
and Miss C.C. Howard
The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Hewett, of Llanfairfechan, Gwynedd, and Cecilia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Howard, of Eldersfield, Hereford and Worcester.

Mr A. McCandless
and Miss K.E. Farrow
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of the late Mr Douglas McCandless and of Mrs Marjorie McCandless, of Acton Trussell, Staffordshire, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.V. Farrow, of Kings Bromley, Staffordshire.

Mr S.A.F. Pugsley
and Miss R.F. Elliott
The engagement is announced between Simon Anthony Follett, eldest son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs John Pugsley, of Plympton-St-Maurice, Devon, and Rosalind Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Elliott, of Uccle, Brussels.

Mr I.C.R. Smith
and Ms D.J. Holder
The engagement is announced between Ian Charles Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Smith, of Lincoln, and Deborah Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Holder, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr J. Vice
and Miss H. Coles
The engagement is announced between Harriet, daughter of Sally and Bruce Coles, of Kew, Surrey, and John, son of Elizabeth and Anthony Vice, of London, W11.

Dr J.P. de Villiers
and Miss A.K. Bennett
The engagement is announced between Jean, son of Brigadier Rocco and Billy de Villiers, of Cape Town, and Anne, daughter of Mike and Jean Bennett, of the Isle of Man.

Marriage

Mr G.R. Salter
and Miss T. Foster-Brown
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 16, at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, EC2, of Mr Guy Salter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ray Salter, and Miss Tania Foster-Brown, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Foster-Brown. The Rev David Burgess officiated, assisted by Father Walter Maxwell-Stuart, OSB.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Sacha Cooke, Sophie d'Ambrumenil and Hannah Delaney. Mr Jo Colman was best man.

A reception was held at Guildhall.

OBITUARIES

ELISABETH AYRTON

Elisabeth Ayrton, novelist and cookery writer, died on November 15 aged 81. She was born in Worplesdon, Surrey, on February 2, 1910.

ELISABETH Ayrton championed English food and was among the first to place it in an historical and social context. She had the imagination to link practical instructions for preparation to a sense of how people lived in the past, outlining the development of a specifically English cuisine. Although her real strength, exemplified in *The Cookery of England* (1974), lay in the recipes of the late seventeenth to early nineteenth centuries, her books include examples going back to the reign of Richard II and spectacular medieval feast dishes such as chickens done up to look like lizards.

Highly literate, working from manuscript sources and from such publications as Furnivall's *Early English Meals and Manners* and Warner's *Antiquitates Culinariae* to Venner's *Via Recta ad Vitam Longam*, she reconstructed the methods by which such meals were made, and might be made again today, and documented the great English culinary tradition which some believe was destroyed by Mrs Beaton.

Where Dorothy Hartley's pioneering *Food In England* had emphasised folk recipes, Elisabeth Ayrton turned more to the tables of the gentry and aristocracy. Although *Good Simple Cookery* (1958) was a practical response to the renewed availability of ingredients unfamiliar to the generation of housewives who had grown up since the war, *Time Is Of The Essence* (1967) updated Apicius, and *Royal Favourites* (1971) took recipes from medieval palace kitchens.

Elisabeth Ayrton was the daughter of Douglas Walshe, a prolific light novelist of the Thirties. She read English at Newnham, choosing the Anglo-Saxon and Middle English option; the interest in ancient society that this engendered led her to change to archaeology for the second part of her degree.

In 1933 she married Nigel Balchin who achieved fame as a novelist. Her war work, which she combined with looking after their three daughters, was for SOE, interviewing and selecting prospective agents. *A Way Through The Wood* (1950) was Balchin's fictionalised account of the break-up of the marriage after Elisabeth's encounter with the painter and sculptor Michael Ayrton.

She remarried in 1959 and moved to a Tudor house in Essex with Domesday origins and Roman remains in the garden. The garden at Bradfields became one of her passions, and she designed an interweaving of the wild and the domestic, studded with Michael Ayrton's dramatic large-scale bronzes. He encouraged her to write: she did short stores for *Vogue* and her poetry was read on the Third Programme.

Her first novel, *The Cook's Tale* (1957), a study of the difference between male and female creativity and set in Provence, presaged *Two Years In My Afternoon* (1972), which used, in modified form, some of the events in her own life and examined the essentially polygynous inclinations of the human male. Later in life she was to take a keen interest in animal behaviour, the subject of her Kenyan novel, *Day Eight* (1973). A final novel, *The Echoing Voyage*, remained unfinished after Michael Ayrton's sudden death in 1975.

Both of them found inspiration in Greek antiquity: Michael was asked to advise on Basil Wright's film *The Immoral Land*. The results of the trip for Elisabeth were *The Doric Temple* (1961), with superb photographs by Serge Moulinier, and another novel, *The Cretan* (1963) in which Arkas, a deaf boy looting archaeological sites, sees the archaeologists as licensed looters themselves, but gradually becomes involved with, and respects, their search for the human past. This Greek journey, and Elisabeth's passion for archaeology, had a profound influence on Michael Ayrton's work.

After his death Elisabeth Ayrton moved to Gloucestershire, where she made another striking garden and continued to write. *The Cookery Of England* attained wide recognition with the Penguin paperback in 1977, and was followed by *English Provincial Cooking* in 1980. Again she combined historical and geographical information — the book opens with a "Culinary Map" ignoring official boundaries — with apposite literary quotations and precise practical instruction for dishes as diverse as Hindle Wakes and Green Pork from the north and Buttered Hop Tops and Cavalier's Broil from Kent and London.

The Pleasure Of Vegetables in 1983 placed the normal side dish at centre stage, considering meat and fish in terms of their suitability as accompaniments. She used the Woburn Abbey archives extensively as well as John Evelyn's *Acetaria* on salads and Robert May's *The Accomplish't Cook Of 1671*. Dishes such as Batalia Pie, Bombarded Veal, and Olla Podrida (brought here by Katharine of Aragon and subsequently a great success with the nobility) showed how vegetables could and should be treated properly.

Providing such meals for her extended family — all three daughters and their families occupied parts of the rambling Maze House near Thornbury — and their friends remained one of the great pleasures of her life, and theirs. She is survived by her daughters.

JERRY EPSTEIN

Jerry Epstein, American film director, producer and script writer, died in London on November 16 aged 69. He was born Jerome Epstein in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 17, 1922.

JERRY Epstein's memoirs, *Remembering Charlie: The Story of a Friendship*, published in 1988, revealed how a very considerable potential talent for show business was willingly subjugated to his long and devoted friendship and collaboration with Charles Chaplin.

Epstein was the son of a Jewish immigrant carpenter and builder from Lithuania. The family moved to Brooklyn during the Depression. At the age of 13 Jerry went to *Dead End* on Broadway and fell hopelessly in love with the theatre. He sold lemonade, programmes and binoculars in theatres in order to see the shows.

After war service in the army medical corps he attended the University of California at Los Angeles and was active in university dramatics. In 1946, following a spell as road manager for the Andrews Sisters, he went to Hollywood with $1000 in savings and a mission to establish his own theatre.

The Circle Theatre, which brought serious, progressive theatre to Hollywood for the first time, was to prove historic. The opening production was Elmer Rice's *The Adding Machine*, and the theatre's first home was a large living room, rented from a lady during weekends when her husband was away playing golf. The husband returned unexpectedly one Saturday and threw the whole enterprise out of his house. Epstein found and converted an abandoned drugstore and garage as substitute.

Charles Chaplin's younger son Sydney acted for the Circle and soon became a partner. After a hesitant start the theatre began to attract sell-out audiences, as more and more Hollywood celebrities became habitués. Charles Chaplin was an enthusiastic supporter, personally directing several Circle productions, and persuaded William Saroyan to give the theatre the world premiere of his play *Sam Ego's House*. Epstein severed his connection with the Circle in 1950. A conspiracy of McCarthyist actors undermined morale and reported the Circle's minimal salaries to Equity.

Epstein moved East and tried to set up a new theatre in New York, before Chaplin invited him to be his assistant on *Limelight*. His first job was to direct a test of Claire Bloom, who was eventually to play the leading role opposite Chaplin. When he moved back to Los Angeles Epstein's intimacy with the Chaplin family developed.

In September 1952 the Chaplins left America for the premiere of *Limelight*. McCarthy-era paranoia conspired

to prevent their return and they settled permanently in Switzerland. Epstein visited them there in 1953 and thereafter spent most of his life in Europe.

One evening in a Paris cafe he met Eddie Constantine who had just become the rage of France. Constantine decided he needed an American director for his next film, and then and there hired the startled Epstein, though he was inexperienced and spoke no French. His relations with the French crew were uneasy, but the resulting film, *Votre Dévoué Blake* proved a surprise hit. Epstein began work on a new script for Constantine, and also worked with Errol Flynn on an abortive project for a film about William Tell. He was rescued when Chaplin invited him to be associate producer on his first British film, *A King in New York*. After this he returned briefly to New York when Sydney Chaplin and Judy Holliday asked him to restage Jerome Robbins's production of *The Bells are Ringing*. After helping Chaplin assemble three early films as *The Chaplin Revue*, Epstein returned to Hollywood to work on Alfred Hitchcock's television shows. In New York he directed a number of plays including *The Millionairess*, with Carol Channing and Gene Wilder.

Chaplin, embarking on what was to be his last film, *Countess from Hong Kong*, summoned Epstein again. As producer Epstein found much of his time spent as go-between when relations between Chaplin and his star, Marlon Brando, deteriorated to a point of non-communication. Epstein had also to nurse Chaplin through the film's disastrous London reviews.

In 1968 Epstein directed a film of his own in Britain, but, despite lively performances by Milo O'Shea and Phyllis Diller, *The Adding Machine* was not a success. A project for *Macbeth* with Sean Connery came to nothing. Connery proposed a production partnership, but Epstein's loyalty held him to Chaplin. Chaplin rewarded him by cutting him off for several months over some imagined slight. The rift was healed. Epstein encouraged Chaplin's last, never realised project, *The Freak*.

Between his own enthusiastic gift for friendship and brilliance as raconteur and Chaplin's endless acquaintance, Jerry Epstein managed to know everyone. His parties (preferably catered for from Bloom's kosher restaurant in Aldgate) were dazzling assemblies. After losing the 1970 election Harold Wilson rented Epstein's home in Vincent Square which Chaplin had called, quite unjustifiably, "the most beautiful house in London". Epstein stayed on in the basement, while Wilson worked on his memoirs, filing his papers in cornflake boxes in the garage.

In turn Epstein's home also sheltered all the Chaplin children when they were in London; and he was often peace-maker when they had differences with their father. Latterly he was a surrogate parent to the younger ones.

After Chaplin's death Epstein attempted to retrieve his personal career. Impetuous and enthusiastic, he would try anything. Always he struggled and hoped to launch new film projects. Just before his death he was in Los Angeles trying to set up a favourite script. It was there that he was taken ill with an attack of the chronic asthma which dogged his last years. Of an early marriage he would say only that it was "a disaster". In the Seventies he had a happy seven-year liaison with a Welsh lady. From his first meeting with the Chaplins however, his worshipped ideal was Oona Chaplin; and he was deeply affected by her death less than two months ago.

TONY RICHARDSON

Sir John Gielgud writes:

I AM greatly saddened by the death of Tony Richardson (Obituary November 16). Though I was never lucky enough to work with him in the theatre, I did act in three films under his brilliant direction, admiring his boundless energy, indomitable patience and creative expertise.

He was the first to encourage me in that field and to persuade me to overcome my former dislike of filming. Though so dissimilar in taste, we became great friends, though we seldom agreed in our opinions of other people's productions or performances.

I was extremely flattered to win his friendship, and by his unceasing kindness and generous hospitality, whether in London, Hollywood or the South of France, where he had created such an enchanting holiday home. I always hoped he would return to London where he had become such an important and significant influence during his early years, but, alas, it was not to be.

Luncheons

Newspaper Conference
The Archbishop of Canterbury was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held yesterday at the Newspaper Society. Mr William Russell, chairman, presided.

Royal Society
Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace for Academician J. Lielpeteris, President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences. Sir Anthony Epstein, foreign secretary and vice president of the society, Academician I. Bilinskis, vice-president of the academy, and Academician U. Viesturs were also present.

The Gulliver Award for the Performing Arts in Scotland
Sir Michael Herries, Chairman of the Gulliver Awards Committee, hosted a luncheon at the Royal Society of Edinburgh yesterday to announce that Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has won the 1991 Gulliver Award for the Performing Arts in Scotland.

United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association
Lord Pennock presided at the United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association's 26th Annual Luncheon held yesterday at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge. The Right Hon David Howell, MP, Chairman, House of Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, was Chief Guest and Speaker.

Meeting

British Fulbright Scholars Association
Mr Peter Riddell, Political Columnist of *The Times*, delivered the address to the British Fulbright Scholars Association last night at the British Academy after the annual meeting. Mr Peter Susman, association committee member, also spoke.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended a concert held last night at St James's Palace to mark the 21st anniversary of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth Music Scholarship Fund. At a dinner held afterwards Lord Pym, chairman of the union, and Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, Chairman of the ESU Cultural Affairs Council, received the guests. Among those present were:

Mrs John Major, the American Ambassador and Mrs Seitz, Lady Pym, Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, Mr and Mrs John Bullock, Mr David Thorp (director-general) and Mrs Thorp and Mrs Valerie Mitchell (deputy director-general).

Institution of Mechanical Engineers
The Lord Chancellor was a speaker at the annual dinner of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Professor Tom Patten, president, was host and Dr John Jennings also spoke.

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
The Earl of Selborne, President of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, and Dr H.E.A. Carson, chairman of council, received the guests at the annual Harben dinner held last night at the Royal Institute of British Architects. Professor Griffith Edwards, Professor of Addiction Behaviour at London University, who had earlier delivered the Harben lecture, was the guest of honour.

Royal Society
Dr Frank Fitzgerald, CBE, F Eng, delivered the annual Royal Society Esso Energy Award Lecture last night at the Royal Society. Sir Michael Atiyah, PRS, was in the chair and later presided at a dinner in honour of the Award winner. Among those present were: Mr David Heathcote-Amory, MP (Guest Speaker) and Mr David Clayman (Managing Director, Esso UK plc).

The Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale was host at a dinner last night at the Houses of Parliament. The Guest of Honour was Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP. Others present were:

Mr Andrew Bainbridge, Mr Mathias Bauer, Mr David Dixon, Mr Alex Eadie, MP, Mme Mireille Hadas-Lebel, M Raphael Hadas-Lebel, Sir Reginald Hibbert, Mr Tony Hulls, Mr Alex Maitland-Hudson, Professor Peter Moore, Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP, Mr Nigel Pitcher, Lord Plummer of Marylebone, Mr James Puckridge.

The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre, Imperial College
The Sir Leon Bagrit Centre held the first in a series of Bagrit Evenings on Thursday, November 21. The lecture, "Arterial Disease — Exploding the Myths", was given by Professor Richard Kitney, Director of the Centre. A dinner was then held in the atrium. Amongst those present were Lady Bagrit, Lord Rees-Mogg, Sir John Batten, Professor Colin Caro and other Friends of The Bagrit Centre.

Chambers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Carl Teper
The Annual Dinner of the Chambers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Carl Teper was held last night at The Brewers Hall. The principal guest speakers were Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC, and Mr John Newing the Chief Constable of Derbyshire. Mrs Jocelyn Gibbs and Mr Carl Teper also spoke. The guests included:

Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, and Lady Boston, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Judge Monier-Williams, Judge Cooray, Mr Jeremy Connor, Miss Daphne Wickham, Mrs Myrna Anwyl-Davies, Mr and Mrs Peter Copley, Miss Brenda Fahy, Mr Matthew Parris, Mrs Hazel Rose, Mr Andrew Harman, Mr Alan Brand, Miss Judith Ball, Mrs Marilyn Bishop and Mr Clive Ince of Lawrence Graham.

Tel Aviv University Trust Lawyers' Group
Mr Justice Hoffmann was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Tel Aviv University Trust Lawyers' Group held last night at the Park Lane Hotel. Lord Justice Woolf, president, was in the chair. Lord Justice Balcombe also spoke.

Service dinners

RN College, Greenwich
Dr M.K. McIntosh, Chief of Defence Procurement, was the guest of honour at a Mess guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Commander E.F.M. Searle, Commander of the College, presided.

HQ 7th Armoured Brigade
Brigadier T.J. Sulivan, Commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, presided at a dinner held last night in Soltau to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Sidi Rezegh.

Movement Control Officers' Club
Brigadier F. Webb was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Movement Control Officers' Club held last night at the Union Jack Club. Brigadier M.W.H. Branch, chairman, presided.

University of London Air Squadron
Air Vice-Marshal R.M. Austin, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College, Cranwell, and Professor Stewart R. Sutherland, Vice-Chancellor of London University, were the guests of honour at the University of London Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at their headquarters. Wing Commander P. J.G.E. Cullum, Commanding Officer, presided.

Service reception

RAF Supply Branch
Air Vice-Marshal C.P. Baker, Director General of Support Management, and Mrs Baker received the guests at a reception of the RAF Supply Branch held last night at Commonwealth House.

Bedales School

The Headship of Bedales, vacant from August 1, 1992, will be assumed by Ian Newton, at present Head of Physics at Rugby School and Housemaster of their first Sixth Form Girls' House.

Memorial service

Major-General Desmond Smith
The Canadian High Commissioner read the lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Desmond Smith held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Kingsley Joyce officiated. Brigadier-General Darrell Dean, Commander of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London), and Mr Gordon Sage, Chief Executive of RTZ Pillar, gave addresses. The French Ambassador was represented by Colonel Philippe C. Peress and the Italian Ambassador by Colonel C. Cocozza. Among others present were:

Mrs Smith (widow), Mr and Mrs William Shenkman (step-son and step-daughter-in-law), Miss Dasha Shenkman (step-daughter); Mrs Fredrik Eaton, the Deputy High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Lavertu and other members of the High Commission; the Agent General for Alberta and Mr LeMessurier, the Agent General for British Columbia and Mrs Gardom, the Agent General for Ontario and Mrs Nixon, Mr Herman Vyncke (representing the Agent General for Quebec).

Earl Alexander of Tunis, Viscount Hardinge, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Shaughnessy (Canadian Grenadier Guards), Mr Don Concannon, Sir Peter Blaker, MP, and Lady Blaker, Sir David Nicolson (chairman, UK Appeal Committee, Canada Memorial Foundation) with Mr and Mrs John Abell, Mr John Darby, Miss M Hammick and Mrs V Gilchrist; Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Sir Roger de Grey (president, Royal Academy), Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, General Sir Robert Ford, Lady Redgrave, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Gingell, Sir John and Lady Egan, Princess Shelaigh Galitzine.

Captain Peter Baxter, USN, (American Embassy), Squadron Leader A Paschou (Greek Embassy), Mr Adrian Beamish (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Mather (Order of the British Empire), Mr and Mrs N St G Gribbon (Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce), Mr Tony Alexander (representing the chairman, Hanson), Mr Christopher Kane and Mr Alan Coates (Druce and Company), Mr Alan Morrell (Pillar Wedge), Mr Jeremy Allan (Ernst and Young), Mr Richard Little and Mr Ian McFarlane (Texaco), Mr Roger Boissier (Pressac Holdings), Mr R B Kevill (Willis Carroon Group), Mr Paul Quinn (Royal Bank of Canada).

Mr Christopher Nourse (Royal Opera House and Birmingham Royal Ballet), Miss Felicity Clark (Royal Opera House Trust), Mr Richard Elder (English National Opera), Mr Peter Brownley (Royal Ballet), Mr John Drinkwater (ISTD), Miss M Bennett (LSO), Miss C Seymour-Newton (Knightsbridge Association), Mr J F M Monkhouse (Albert Court Residents Association).

Miss Jean Muir, Mrs Jean Wadds, Mrs M Shaker, Professor and Mrs Maurice Cranston, Mrs Darrell Dean, Mr and Mrs John Taylor, Mrs Anne Biljur, Major-General Anthony Lascelles, Mrs Gordon Sage, Mr and Mrs Jon Bannenberg, Mrs Jacqueline Thwaites, Mrs Lois Sieff, Mr and Mrs Henry Wrong, Mr and Mrs Douglas Ritchie, Mrs Elisabeth Calder, Mr Richard Hay, Mr and Mrs John Raisman, Mr Peter Stormonth-Darling, Mrs Victoria Dickie, Miss Bridget Riley, Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore, Mr Colin Spencer Wills, Mrs David Milnaric, Mr and Mrs Leo Brook, Mr and Mrs William Frankel and Mr Derek Edwards.

Sir Kenneth Cork
A memorial service for Sir Kenneth Cork, GBE, will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 1991, at the Church of All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, City of London, at 3.30pm.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev M.E. Adie, Bishop of Guildford, 62; the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 63; Mr Boris Becker, tennis player, 24; Mr Jon Cleary, novelist, 74; Mr Tom Conti, actor, 49; Mr Brian Dance, headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 62; Mr Terry Gilliam, film animator, 51; Sir Peter Hall, former director, National Theatre, 61; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, physiologist, 74; Mrs Billie Jean King, tennis player, 48; Mrs Pat Koechlin-Smythe, showjumper, 63; Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 38; Mr Neil McGrath, racehorse trainer, 35; Mr John Newman, trades unionist, 60; Mr Justice Owen, 66; Mr R.M. Reeve, headmaster, King's College School, Wimbledon, 57; the Earl of Romney, 81; Sir Michael Walker, diplomat, 75.

Westminster School

The Seventh Adrian Boult Memorial Concert given by The Royal College of Music took place up School on Thursday, November 21, after which The Head Master held a reception in Ashburnham House.

Do not remember against us the guilt of past generations: rather let your compassion come swiftly to meet us, for we have been brought so low.
Psalm 79 : 8 (REB)

BIRTHS

BIRDWOOD - On November 6th 1991, at Seibo Hospital, Tokyo, to Jacqueline (née Dell) and John, a daughter, Katherine Celia Fortune.

BRIANT - On November 21st, to Gilly (née Fletcher-Cooke) and Nick, a daughter, Susanna, a sister for Genevieve and Catherine.

CAMERON - On November 20th at QMH, Sidcup, to Alastair and Dorothy (née Holden), God's gift of a son, Ross George Benjamin. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father.

CLEARY - On November 19th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Tony and Denise, a daughter, Olivia.

DOBSON - On November 19th 1991, to Janet (née Shiells) and Andrew, a daughter, Laura Poppy, sister for Patrick and Alexandra.

DRINKWATER - On November 20th, at Morristown, New Jersey, to Charlotte and James, a daughter, Emily Charlotte Campbell.

DWYER - On November 21st 1991, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Sarah (née Griffith) and Rogan, a daughter, Georgia Grace, a sister for Rosanna.

FRASER - On November 20th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Jacqueline and Robert, a son, Joshua.

GOTTLIEB - On November 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Madeleine (née Jackson) and Craig, a son.

HAWAWINI - On November 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Tracey-Lee (née Raymond) and Alain, a daughter, Stephanie Marie Sophie.

KINTON - On November 18th, to Camilla (née Chavasse) and Michael, a son, Matthew Christopher.

MORRISON - On November 18th, in Hong Kong, to Winnie and Graham, a son, Douglas Lewis Xiao Lei, a brother for Alexander.

MURRAY LEE - On November 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Charlotte and Denzil, a son, Adam, a brother for Eloise.

OGDEN - On November 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Miles) and Andrew, a son, James Alexander.

PRINCE - On Friday November 8th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sally (née Tate) and Andrew, a son, Michael David, a brother for Jonathan.

RICHARDS - On November 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia and Geoffrey, a son, Christopher Sumner.

WEST - On November 21st, in Hong Kong, to Verena (née O'Neill) and Andrew, a son, Sean.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SMITH - Mary Dora & Donald Claud Fitzgerald. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary.

DEATHS

BURNET - On Wednesday November 20th 1991, peacefully in Cambridge, Pauline Ruth Burnet, C.B.E., beloved wife of the late Jock and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Newnham, Cambridge, on Thursday November 28th at 2.30 pm to be followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations for Cambridge MENCAP may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge.

COMPTON - On November 13th 1991, in London, Marjorie Thelma, formerly of New Zealand. Wife of the late Max Compton and loved mother of Elizabeth Moggie of Malaysia. Private cremation. Memorial Eucharist at St Bedast, Foster Lane, London, on Thursday November 28th at 7.30 pm.

DALY - On November 18th 1991, suddenly at home, Michael John, B.Pharm., Phd., F.R.Pharm.S., beloved husband of Ann and father of Kevin and Hilary. Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel on Monday November 25th at 12 noon to which all friends are invited. No flowers please but donations may be made to Dr Barnardo's Homes, c/o Archibald Campbell & Harley, W.S., 37 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

DEATHS

DUCIE - On Tuesday November 12th, suddenly, The Right Honourable Earl of Ducie, of Tortworth, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos., aged 73. A beloved husband, father and grandfather. A Memorial Service will be held at Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday November 30th at 10.30 am. Donations may be sent for The British Heart Foundation and Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Goscombe Funeral Services, 54b Silver Street, Dursley, Glos. Would those attending the service please arrive early, as car parking space is limited.

FORBES - On November 16th 1991, with dignity and courage at Charing Cross Hospital, Hugh Crespin Forbes, aged 59 years. Treasured and adored husband of Veronica, most cherished father of Laura and Alison, much loved brother of Peter and uncle of Christopher. Our deepest thanks to the doctors and nurses in Ward 15 North, especially Kieran, Judy, Ruth, Shirrette, Chris, Keddy and Rachel, for their tender loving care night and day. We will never forget you all. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Twickenham, on Wednesday November 27th at 11 am, followed by burial at Twickenham Cemetery. Flowers to G. Gamble & Son, 601 Fulham Road, SW6, by 9.30 am, or donations to Cancer Treatment and Research Trust, Professor Newlands, Charing Cross Hospital, W6.

FRANKLAND - On November 10th, suddenly at the Charing Cross Hospital, Janet Frankland, dearly beloved mother of Francis Paquito Okwesa. Sadly missed by son, family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Rd., London W2, on Friday November 22nd at 2 pm. Donations, if wished, can be made to BACUP, 121-123 Charterhouse St., London, EC14 6AA.

GOODBODY - On November 19th, suddenly in Yeovil Hospital after a stroke, Inez, aged 73 years, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Manliffe, dear mother of Christopher, Nichola (Hooper) and Manliffe, and devoted grandmother. Cremation Yeovil Crematorium, 2.30pm November 26th. Service and interment of ashes, Putney Vale Cemetery Chapel, 2.30pm November 28th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o Norman Brister Funeral Directors, Sherborne, Dorset.

HARDING-ROLLS - On November 20th, at his home, Michael Taylor (Squadron Leader RAF Rtd). Dearly beloved husband of Jean, loving father of Sarah and Simon and adored grampie of Sophia, Georgianna and Henry. Funeral Service at St Cenedlon's Church, Rockfield, Monmouth, Gwent, on Tuesday November 26th at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu gratefully accepted to be divided between St Cenedlon's Church Restoration Fund and local Cancer Research Fund may be given at the Service or sent to David Stockwell, Funeral Directors, 16 Glendower Street, Monmouth, Gwent.

HEWITT - On November 18th, peacefully at The Atkinson Morley Hospital, Jilly, beloved wife of Roger, much loved daughter of Edwin and Joan Poulson, Melbourne, Australia, and daughter-in-law of Alan and Joyce, of Warlingham, Surrey. The gentlest of persons who will be sadly missed. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday November 29th 1991 at 2 pm. Enquiries to B.C. Baker and Son, 16/17 High Street, Caterham, Surrey.

HOWELL-GRIFFITH - On November 20th, after a short illness, Stephen Howell-Griffith, B.A., M.B.E., of Budleigh Salterton and formerly of Victoria College, Alexandria and Cairo and St Andrews School, Nassau, Bahamas. Much loved husband of Pearl and devoted father of Alison and David; 'Pappy' to Hamish, Georgina and Jamie. Service at The Exeter and Devon Crematorium, Tuesday November 26th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to The League of Friends, Budleigh Salterton Hospital.

NORTH - On Sunday November 17th, peacefully, John Richard, beloved husband of Jo, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at Loxhore Church, North Devon, on Monday November 25th at 12 noon.

DEATHS

JACKSON - On November 18th, suddenly in hospital after a short illness, Peter John, aged 62, Safety Director BOC. Deeply loved husband of Erika and father of Oliver, Andrea and Christopher. Funeral on Tuesday November 26th at 2pm at St John's Church, Dormansland, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

JARRETT-KERR - On November 21st, William Robert (Martin), Priest of the Community of the Resurrection, in the 80th year of his age, and the 49th year of his profession. R.I.P. Requiem and Burial at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, on November 29th at 11.30 am.

KENEFECK - On November 20th 1991, peacefully, Lily, dear sister of Violet and the late Monsignor Richard Kenefeck and the late Elsie Broadwater. Requiem Mass at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath, at 11 am on Tuesday November 26th. Wreaths may be sent c/o Masters & Son, 20 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex, RH16 2HH.

LOCKER-LAMPSON - On November 18th 1991, peacefully at home, Betty, aged 83 years. Youngest daughter of the late Godfrey and Sophy Locker-Lampson, much loved aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Copthorne, at 2 pm on Wednesday November 27th. Flowers to Chappell & Rice, 79/81 High Street, East Grinstead, West Sussex, telephone: (0342) 321968.

PAYNE - On November 17th, peacefully at home, James Frederick, M.B.E., aged 91, beloved husband of Vivian, father of Ivy, Bob, Sandra, Sally and Susan, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Banstead, on Wednesday November 27th at 1 pm.

PHILLIPS - On November 21st, at The Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, Josephine Phillips aged 83 years (of Alston, Cumbria), daughter of the late Charles Sykes and wife of the late Dr. E.G. Phillips (Oxford University). Funeral service private. Memorial Service to be arranged.

REDMAYNE - On November 20th 1991, suddenly at home in Lymington, Geoffrey Brian, aged 85, husband of Doreen, father of Diana, Dawn and Richard. Private family funeral.

SANCROFT-BAKER - On November 19th, peacefully after a long and courageous battle, Valerie Felicity Worke Kent, aged 76 years, of Kenya, wife of Ralph, of West Stopham, Pulborough, West Sussex. Dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Stopham, near Pulborough, on Saturday November 30th at 12 noon.

SAUNDERS - On November 19th 1991, peacefully at Wymondley Nursing Home, Herts., Diana, aged 77, much loved wife of Jim, devoted mother and grandmother. Cremation at Luton Crematorium on November 26th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Parkinson's Disease Society.

SAVILL - On November 20th, peacefully, Jean, widow of Norman Savill. Funeral Service at Stanford Rivers, on Monday November 25th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please.

SCOTT - On November 19th, Katharine. The Funeral Service for Mrs Katharine Scott will now commence at 1.30pm on Saturday November 23rd at St Edmund's Church, Maids Moreton, Buckingham, and not at 2pm as previously announced.

SHARPE - On November 20th 1991, after a short illness in hospital, Margaret Edith, dearly loved wife of George Radford (deceased), dear mother of Hugo and Antoinette and grandmother of Stephen and Julia. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, on Monday November 25th at 11 am.

STUDD - On November 18th, in her home, Virginia. Much loved widow of Vivian and sister of Elizabeth de Gerenday. Funeral Service 1pm Wednesday November 27th at Golders Green Crematorium. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2.

WHITE - On November 19th 1991, in Cork, in hospital after a traffic accident, John Alan White, aged 86. Dearly loved husband of Vivienne Rosalie, father of Richard and Julian. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

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A bloody day during the War of Independence. The republicans maintained that the officers were intelligence agents. The government's reprisal was equally savage — sending the infamous Black and Tans to a football match where they fired on the crowd causing a number of dead and wounded.

RED SUNDAY IN DUBLIN.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

DUBLIN, Nov. 21 6pm.

The most cruel and desperate of all outbreaks by the Republican murder gang took place this morning in Dublin, when houses and hotels were raided simultaneously in different parts of the city, and British officers and ex-officers were murdered in cold blood. The list is not complete, and the reports are panic-stricken and contradictory, but it is known that 14 officers and ex-officers have been murdered and six wounded.

The raids were committed at 9 o'clock. They were made on hotels in the city and on private houses in the city and suburbs. The military authorities believe that those murders, which they regard as one of the final outbursts of a nearly broken conspiracy, were planned some time ago. In nearly every case a knock came to the door. If the officer himself answered it he was shot dead on the spot. If the door was opened by a servant the raiders rushed into the house and killed the unprepared officer or officers at sight. In two or three cases officers' wives were pulled out of bed and their husbands were murdered before their eyes.

Four of the victims lost their lives in one house in Pembroke Street. Two others were in bed in the Gresham Hotel when the murderers entered. In one case three of the officers had just got out of bed and were in the act of dressing when they were shot down. Two of them were killed on the spot, and the third is in a dying condition. Hundreds of men, and some women, took part in the shootings. At one house 40 men arrived on bicycles and murdered an unarmed officer.

Three of this morning's arrests were due to a fortunate accident. Seventeen auxiliary police were driving past a house in Mount Street when a woman rushed out crying that murder was being committed. The police entered the house, and found that one officer had been killed and that two others had escaped. An officer who occupied the room opposite that in which the murdered officer was killed says that he heard a female voice saying, "Here is a letter." The officer in the other room opened the door, and 10 or 12 shots were fired into the room. The auxiliary police arrested three men whom they found near the house. They are said to have had revolvers in their possession. Before they entered the house the auxiliary police sent two of their number to Beggar's Bush barracks for assistance. They were not seen afterwards, and when their companions reached the barracks they were not to be found. Some time later an English Red Cross nurse arrived at the barracks and informed the officer in charge that the two men had been murdered in her garden. The police went there and found the two bodies.

Football Ground Battle.

8.30 p.m.

A serious affair occurred in the afternoon. Crown forces drove to Croke Park, where a crowd of about 15,000 people had collected to witness a Gaelic football match. Many of them had come in from the country. It is alleged that when the Crown forces entered the field they were fired at by scouts, who were posted all over the field. They returned the fire, the people stampeded, and one woman was crushed to death at the gates. It is reported that twelve persons in all were killed and over 100 wounded. Afterwards 30 revolvers were found on the field.

10.30 p.m.

An official statement issued at a late hour tonight in reference to the shooting at the football match at Croke Park states that nine persons were killed, one died from heart failure, and between 50 and 60 were wounded.

DEATHS

WESTMACOTT - On November 21th 1991, in hospital, Innes Bentall Westmacott, Wing Commander, D.F.C., RAF (Ret'd). Battle of Britain, father of Caroline. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Monday November 25th at 12.30 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

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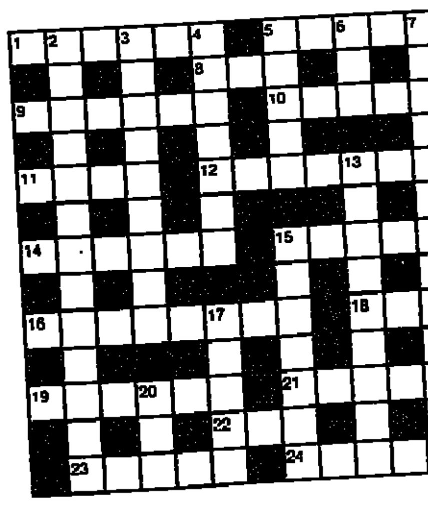

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Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705).

◆ POINT BREAK (15): Mindless assemblage of thrills (surfing, sky-diving, bank robbing), thunderously orchestrated by director Kathryn Bigelow. With Keanu Reeves, Patrick Swayze
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

SWITCH (15): Miserable sex farce from Blake Edwards. Ellen Barkin mugs unmercifully as a dead macho stud sent back to earth as a woman
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

THE TWO JAKES (15): Jack Nicholson back on the *Chinatown* trail, uncovering murder and duplicity in Los Angeles. Flawed, but fun. With Harvey Keitel; Nicholson also directs.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

VALMONT (15): Milos Forman's treatment of *Dangerous Liaisons*: muted as drama, but pretty as a Watteau picture. With Colin Firth, Annette Bening, Meg Tilly
Lumière (071-836 0691)

CURRENT

◆ BOYZ N THE HOOD (15): Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

CITY OF HOPE (15): John Sayles's dark, multi-layered tale of conflicts simmering in a New Jersey town. Flawed, but crackling with electricity. Starring Vincent Spano, Joe Morton
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEAD AGAIN (15): An L A scissor murder from the Forties returns to haunt Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson. Nonsensical, over-the-top suspense thriller. Branagh directs.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) *Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire* (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ EDWARD II (18): Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers, Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ FLIRTING (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan. With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

THE FOUR FEATHERS (U): Cowardly army officer redeems himself in the Sudan. Korda's glorious 1939 version of A.E.W. Mason's classic imperial novel. Starring John Clements, Ralph Richardson, June Duprez.
Minema (071-235 4225)

◆ OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY (15): Wall Street greed (Danny DeVito) versus human decency (Gregory Peck). Muted comic variations on a familiar theme. Director, Norman Jewison
Cannons: *Fulham Road (071-370 2636)* Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

◆ RAMBLING ROSE (15): Innocent sexpot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia. Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining, memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall. Director, Martha Coolidge.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES (PG): Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (Kevin Costner)
Cannons Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurdist comedy about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talented new Belgian director Jaco van Dormael. With Michel Bouquet, Thomas Godet.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast, director, Claude Berri
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ WHAT ABOUT BOB? (PG): Phobia-mad Bill Murray drives psychiatrist Richard Dreyfuss close to the edge. Sweet, crazy comedy from Frank Oz
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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◩ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm. 120mins.

☐ GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5 45pm and 8 20pm. 120mins

☐ THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK: Good things in this vast, elaborate spectacular but the storyline is a needle in a haystack
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 150mins

☐ IT'S RALPH: Timothy West, Jack Shepherd, Connie Booth in rickety Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals. A play that split the critics
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm, mat Tues, 3pm. 135mins

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm. 170mins

◩ MURMURING JUDGES: David Hare tackles our rotting legal system: gaps in the contest but a powerful bout.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7 15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mins

◩ PARTY TIME: Dorothy Tutin and Barry Foster head a starry cast in new but short Pinter: tyrants drink while their opponents die. Not vintage but still with the power to chill. Preceded by *Mountain Language*.
Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins

☐ THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES: Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300). Part 1: Mon, Thurs, 7 30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7 30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each

◩ THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigamy
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2 30pm. 150mins

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5 30pm and 8 30pm, mat Wed, 2 30pm. 140mins

■ TARTUFFE: Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ TOVARICH: Natalia Makarova and Robert Powell as Tsarist exiles working as servants in Thirties Paris. When funny, very funny; but slow elsewhere
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 160mins.

☐ WAITING FOR GODOT: Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 5pm and 8.30pm, Sat, 4pm and 8pm. 135mins

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins

LONG RUNNERS: ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ◩ Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ◩ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ◩ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ■ Les *Misérables*: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ◩ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◩ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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WEEKEND EVENTS

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE: Frans Brüggen conducts the orchestra in works by Mendelssohn (*Fingal's Cave*), Mozart (*Sinfonia Concertante*, K364) and Schumann (Fourth Symphony). With soloists Marieke Blankestijn and Diemut Poppen
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.45pm.

MUSIC FROM THE VIENNA IMPERIAL CHAPEL: The Vienna Boys Choir, *Chorus Viennensis* and the Academy of London recreate the centuries old tradition of the "Hofmusikkapelle" at St Paul's, performing Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, "Linz" Symphony, and Three Motets, together with Bruckner's Three Motets. The Vienna Boys Choir, currently on tour here, gives its next concert on Sunday at the Guildhall in Portsmouth.
St Paul's Cathedral, London (071-976 7711), tonight, 7.30pm.
Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355), Sun, 7.30pm

JULIA MIGENES: The star of the stadium-sized *Tosca* held at Earls Court earlier this year, is accompanied by the National Philharmonic Orchestra under Bruno Fontaine, for a performance of Broadway songs by Gershwin, Lloyd Webber, Hamlisch and Bernstein.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

SKID ROW: US heavy rockers Skid Row play a concert at the London Arena, rescheduled from Wembley. Support bands are L.A. Guns and Love Hate.
London Arena, Lime Harbour, Isle of Dogs, London E14 (071-538 1212), tonight, 7 15pm

THE CULT: The group, now down to a core of vocalist Ian Astbury and guitarist Billy Duffy (plus supporting cast), begin a UK tour promoting their latest album release, *Ceremony*
NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133), tonight, 7 30pm
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557 2590), Sun, 7 30pm

JAZZ WEST COAST: A programme which reflects the Fifties "West Coast" era performed by the Gerry Mulligan Quartet and an all-star big band under Bill Holman and Shorty Rogers.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), tonight, 7.30pm

HIGH SOCIETY: Cole Porter's musical offers an elegant alternative to panto, singing and dancing into 1992 with "True Love", "Well Did You Evah" and the rest of the hits.
Quarry Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds (0532 442111), tonight, 7 30pm, tomorrow, 8pm.

FINNISH RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Under the baton of principal conductor Jukka-Pekka Saraste the orchestra embarks on a UK tour, accompanied by the distinguished cellist Heinrich Schiff. The performance in Warwick tonight comprises Dvořák's Cello Concerto, Stravinsky's *Scherzo à la Russe*, and works by Sibelius. The programme on Sunday includes Debussy's *La Mer*.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 524524), tonight, 8pm
Town Hall, Leeds (0532 476962), tomorrow 7 30pm
Derngate Theatre, 19/21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), Sun, 7 45pm

CYRANO: David Bintley's three-act ballet returns to the Royal Ballet's repertoire for two performances on Saturday. Stephen Jefferies and Lesley Collier take leading roles in the matinée performance, and similarly, Irek Mukhamedov and Viviana Durante feature in the evening show
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

CARITAS: British composer Robert Saxton's first opera is premiered at Britain's leading showcase for new music, the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. The opera is based on Arnold Wesker's play of the same name, which the playwright revised for the composer, and is set in the 14th century at the time of the peasant uprising. Opera North gives the first performances under the baton of Diego Masson. Director: Patrick Mason.
Theatre Royal and Opera House, Drury Lane, Wakefield (Festival box office 0484 430808), tomorrow, Sun, 8pm.

BBC WELSH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pianist Michael Roll performs Grieg's Concerto No 4 in a programme played by the BBC Welsh SO under Rudolf Barshai. The orchestra also plays Verdi's overture, *Nabucco*, and Brahms's Symphony No 4
St David's, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), 7 30pm

A summer's day on stage

MARILYN KINGWILL

In Shakespeare's sonnet world: Sara Mair-Thomas, left, as the Writer and Pooky Quesnel as the Dark Lady

THEATRE

Sweet Sessions

The Place

THE impulse behind this 80-minute show by Shared Experience is a wish to dramatise Shakespeare's sonnets. Only 40 are used but this is more than a quarter of the published collection. Nobody knows if there were others, or even whether Shakespeare wanted them published; the identity of the Dark Lady and the young man remain obscure, though various contemporary peers with the initials WH or HW have been suggested for the latter.

Be that as it may, Nancy Meckler and Paul Godfrey have devised an ingenious way of taking us into the feverish world of the sonnets, a world where the passions seem to thrust violently against the rigid sonnet form and yet be grateful for its confines.

We first see a Writer bent over her table in some academic bolt-hole; photos of contemporary icons labelled "Poet", "Dark Lady", "Boy" are pinned to a wooden wall beside her. Having divided the 294 images of the sonnets into six categories, she is now busily sub-dividing, hoping by this crazy catalogue to come to an understanding of Shakespeare's mind. The alarmed glint in Sara Mair-Thomas's wide eyes makes it all too credible that she could go on in this way until madness or a PhD rewarded her.

Then the wall is lowered and is seen to be one side of a box containing, indeed, a balding Poet, a sultry Boy (Youth really), and a dark-haired Lady in a shot-silk farthingale. The box opens fully to become a green sward, the hint of a maze, flowers, saw-edged sun at a second table where the Poet (Richard Albrecht) dashes his quill over sheets of paper as rapidly as Mozart and hands them to the male, and at first scornful, object of his passion, played by an actor with the happy contemporary name of Jonathan Donne.

The Dark Lady (Pooky Quesnel) sings sonnets, the Young Man reads them and adds some (rather good) *vers libre* of his own, complaining that his true nature will always escape the other man's words. The Poet speaks only in sonnets and this is where the evening, as drama, languishes. The mock duels, flirty behaviour and other larks are spirited and refreshing but the Poet's mind remains just as mysterious by listening only to his sonnets as by cataloguing his verbs.

Meckler moves the focus of attention around her stage, creating mini-dramas around the individual poems, and the evening contains many incidental pleasures. But with the plainer sonnets, that tread water for three quatrains, I came to sympathise with Mozart's Emperor and found myself thinking: too many words.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Sly Fox

Nuffield, Southampton

THE author of *M.A.S.H.* and *Tootsie* has turned his attention to *Volpone*. Larry Gelbart has also had a hand in such successful musicals as *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *City of Angels*, and his updating of Ben Jonson's depiction of greed and gullibility (performed in New York in 1976, at Pitlochry two years ago) seems to wait, as we do, for songs that never come. For a good half of the show one feels that a musical treatment would add point to a revamping that otherwise is all too respectful of the Jacobean original and which Peter James's production fails to exploit to the full.

We are in the California of the Gold Rush, where Foxwell J. Sly and his henchman Simon Able are recognisably Volpone and Mosca — perhaps too recognisably: their language is almost over-literate. Jonson's originals can also be discerned in the top-hatted Lawyer Craven and the decrepit Jethro Crouch, whom Don Fellows makes into a wonderfully creepy caricature, counting all the contemporaries and juniors he has outlived. The dapper Abner Truckle is Foxwell's accountant, occasionally endowed by Peter Whitman with the accents of the immortal Sergeant Bilko.

Gelbart has turned Jonson's Celia into a religious goody-goody whose (literal) manipulation of Foxwell's carnal desires may be either naive or knowing — the usually excellent Susannah Fellows needs more pointed direction. The gallery of predators-turned-victims is completed by Delia Lindsay as a robustly funny saloon bar tart, a hint of the satirical Americanisation that, in this production, is often muted in favour of all-purpose farce.

The second half ignites from mere ingenuity to surreal hilarity in a courtroom scene whose lunatic inconsequentiality is in the great tradition of fast, nonsensical comedy. This is Gelbart at his crackling, fizzing best, and the cast rises to the occasion.

The director should hone the satire, some of which is fairly heavy-handed, and make more of the San Francisco setting. At the moment the piece plays like a pre-Christmas romp not quite sure of its identity, despite fine performances from John Bennett as Foxwell/Volpone and Derek Griffiths as Able/Mosca.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERT

CBSO/Elder

Symphony Hall, Birmingham

IT WAS bad luck for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Mark Elder on Wednesday night that the St Petersburg Philharmonic had so recently been offering, in Birmingham as well as London, a way with Russian Romantic music that is less cut and dried.

Still, one could appreciate the clarity of Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini* here, taking an almost palpable descent, circle by circle, into the inferno, and it was good to be shown how Rachmaninov's Fourth Piano Concerto finds the composer in his late years teasing out something for himself from the spikier language of Stravinsky and Prokofiev. Stephen Hough's tigerish solo performance, adroitly in command of spraying fingers, gave some indication why other pianists play this piece so seldom.

The main rarity, though, was a concert suite drawn and partially reconstructed by Gerard McBurney from Shostakovich's *Hypothetically Murdered*. This score was written in 1931 for what sounds to have been one of the wildest forays of post-Revolutionary artistic hysteria, just before the clampdown of Socialist Realism.

There was a chorus line of girls parodying the Red Army; there was a performing dog; there were angels and apostles in an atheist cabaret. Happy days.

Shostakovich at that time was in the middle of writing *The Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*, but his productivity was as frenetic as the culture around him, and the opportunity for another evening of satires and sarcasms, unconstrained by operatic consistency, must have been irresistible.

McBurney describes the result as "light music", but that label does not take account of the note of alarm and ribaldry in the dozen pieces of his suite: pastiche waltzes, hectic dashes, a wheezy, snoozy number featuring the piano accordion and crying out to be made into a solo for that majestic instrument, a final trepak.

This is fierce as well as funny music: we are much more in the world of Peter Maxwell Davies than of Albert Ketèlbey. It is also the kind of comedy that needs the crack precision of timing and gesture that Elder and the Birmingham band brought to it.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Sylvie Guillem and Adam Cooper: a good physical match

DANCE

Royal Ballet

Covent Garden

FIRST, since the Royal Ballet's new programme is dedicated to the memory of the conductor Robert Irving, let me note that the ROH orchestra under Lionel Friend, with only two scores to play, redeemed a stodgy account of Stravinsky's *Agon* by showing much more spirit in the Bizet *Symphony in C*.

On stage, too, in spite of the guest star Eddie Shellman's splendid authority, voluptuousness and swagger, *Agon* was patchy in performance. *Symphony in C*, another Balanchine ballet, was receiving its Royal Ballet premiere. It is well known as one of the best classical display pieces for a large company; the only surprise is that they did not mount it years ago.

It offers a new ballerina and supporting dancers for every movement of the music, each in a different mood, so by the time they all return for the finale there are 52 dancers on stage, everyone dancing flat out.

For the premiere there was attractively neat, lively, stylish dancing from Lesley Collier with Mark Silver in the first movement, and a joyfully dashing account of the last by Deborah Bull and Stuart Cassidy. Best of all was Sylvie Guillem's lustrous dancing of the adagio: luxuriating in its long, melting lines, decorating it with the beautifully judged carriage of her arms and responding with playful tenderness to the shimmering music.

In this and recently in Balanchine's *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux* Guillem has a new partner, Adam Cooper. He looks a little raw beside her but a good match physically, and perhaps this challenge could be the making of the considerable promise he has shown in several roles.

Between the two Balanchine masterworks were two new pieces by members of the company. William Tuckett's *Present Histories* shows a 1930ish "who's for adultery" party where a woman is caught *in flagrante delicto* with a guest on the parlour floor while her husband makes a pass at one of the other chaps in the garden. The who, what and why of it is ineffably muddling, but Tuckett uses seven of the company's best young dancers, headed by Viviana Durante, Michael Nunn and William Trevitt, who carry out his smooth routines confidently. Philip Gammon plays two movements from Schubert's B Flat piano sonata as accompaniment.

A short extract from Jonathan Burrows's *Stoics* gave more striking evidence of a young choreographer with a personal grasp of movement and what it can achieve. Amazing contortions, explosive invention and almost deadpan dancing reveal wild emotions, despair, determination and comic effects all mixed in. Reinforced by Craig Givens's simple design, this is the best new choreography the Royal Ballet has shown in a long while. Why do they not give the complete *Stoics*?

JOHN PERCIVAL

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

BETTSCHWERE

(b) A state of consciousness too ponderous for anything but sleep, German, rhymes with *gets there*, temporarily feeling too heavy to perform anything as mentally and physically demanding as getting out of bed, a reasonably common sensation even outside Germany.

TWANKAY

(b) A kind of green tea, from Tun-chi, the name of two streams and a town in China: "He didn't want to sit drinking hot grog with the old boy: He infinitely preferred cold twankay with the young damsel." Widow Twankey comes from this.

DROSOMETER

(b) An instrument for measuring dew, from the Greek *drosos* dew + *metron* measure: "To measure the quantity of dew deposited each night, an instrument is used called a drosometer."

DRUSE

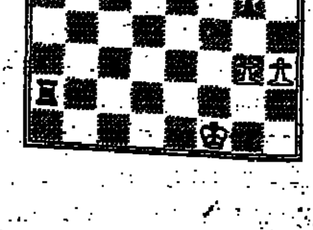
(c) A rock cavity lined with crystals, from the Bohemian *druza*: "Good crystals occasionally one inch broad are found in druses of the granite on Bennachiche."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Bukic — Marovic, Yugoslavia 1968. White has two passed pawns on the 7th rank, but must act quickly otherwise the a-pawn is doomed. How did he continue?

The solution appears on "Announcements and Personal", page 21.



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on exhibitionists **9.40 Children in Need.** Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers begin this year's *Children in Need* appeal **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Chocolate tartelette with raspberry coulis

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Rupert.** Animated series (r) **10.35 Homewise.** Anne Gregg presents a *Children in Need* special investigating the latest trends in homecare with children in mind

11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** General knowledge quiz show (s) **11.30 People Today.** Includes **news,** regional news and weather at **12.00**

12.20 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers are joined by guests helping to raise money for the *Children in Need* appeal **12.55 Regional news** and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)

1.50 Film: Father Goose (1964) starring Cary Grant and Leslie Caron. Amiable light comedy about a fun-loving drifter who helps the Australian navy during the second world war by being a spotter on a remote atoll in the Pacific. His quiet way of life is shattered by the arrival of refugee schoolchildren led by a pretty teacher. Directed by Ralph Nelson. (Ceefax)

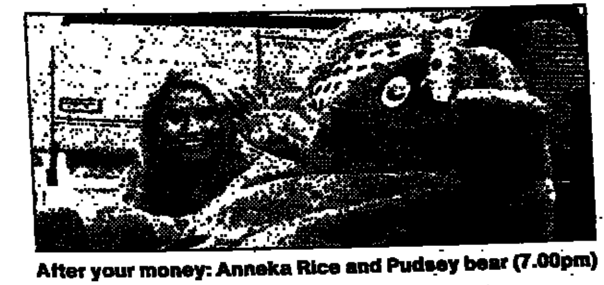
3.45 Cartoon. *Flying Saucer* **3.50 Pingu 3.55 Superbods.** Nicola Davies and Philip Hawthorn present a journey of discovery through the human digestive system **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant.** Animated adventures of a young Viking prince (s) **4.35 Take Two.** This month's programme examines television soap operas (s)

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Byker Grove. Episode ten of the 18-part children's drama serial set in the north-east. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather

6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours



After your money: Anneka Rice and Pudsey bear (7.00pm)

7.00 Children in Need.

● CHOICE: The *Children in Need* appeal has become as much a November fixture as Guy Fawkes Day or the Lord Mayor's Show. It was first held in 1980, when £1 million was raised. By 1989 the figure was £21.6 million. Last year's total was slightly down, perhaps a result of the recession. There is still a way to go, for if everyone over 18 gave £1 the appeal would realise £45 million. The seven hours of television coverage this year combine celebrity appearances with news of local fund-raising. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook again preside and among the promised treats are Gloria Hunniford and Robert Kilroy-Silk singing in the rain and *The Antiques Roadshow* team doing a *My Fair Lady* skit. Bruce Forsyth, Anneka Rice and Esther Rantzen appear in more familiar guises. The hard sell and relentless jollity can become wearing, but there is nothing to stop you switching off and writing a cheque for a good cause

7.35 Children in Need. News from the regions on fund-raising activities

7.45 Anneka Challenges the UK. Anneka Rice checks up on how the regions have coped with their fund-raising challenges

8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Children in Need Generation Game. Celebrities and their families try to win Pudsey Bears followed at **8.30** by David Bellamy talking to the animals with Bill Oddie, Johnny Morris and *The Really Wild Show* team

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Children in Need continues with Gloria Hunniford in chorus with Robert Kilroy-Silk and John Stapleton

9.50 Children of Courage. Esther Rantzen and Gavin Campbell pay tribute to some brave youngsters

11.35 Children in Need. Regional reports of the day's fund raising

12.00 Cabaret Time introduced by Terry Wogan and Sue Cook. Among those taking part are Jason Donovan and other members of the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,* the cast of *Five Guys Named Moe,* magician Geoffrey Durham with the biggest card trick in the world, and George Melly who leads a celebrity jazz band

1.15am Regional Round-up

1.45 Highlights of the day's events. Includes a special song by Peter Skellern **1.55 Grand Total.** The money raised so far

2.00 Weather

BBC 2

8.00 Breakfast News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures**

2.15 Sport on Friday. Golf: action from the Canon Shoot Out at Wentworth; Football: highlights from the first round of the FA Cup. Includes **news** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**

4.00 Catchword. Word game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor

4.30 Out of Sight. A documentary about the fate of two people with mental health problems who were both incarcerated in prison (r)

5.00 Behind the Headlines. Shyama Perera talks to Brian Blessed and Lord Hailsham about mountains. Blessed recently lost five stones during the filming of *Galahad of Everest,* in which he retraces George Mallory's ill-fated 1924 Everest expedition. Lord Hailsham reveals a passion for mountaineering which resulted in serious injury.

5.30 Top Gear (r)

6.00 Thunderbirds. Cult puppet series. (Ceefax)

6.50 Delia Smith's Christmas. In the second of her six-part guide to traditional Christmas cooking Delia Smith prepares festive desserts. She is joined by Alice King who has advice on suitable wines (r). (Ceefax). Wales: Health UK 7.15-7.45 Wales in Westminster

7.20 Bilko (b/w). Another quick-fire comedy classic with Phil Silvers. (r)

7.45 What the Papers Say with Nigella Lawson

8.00 Public Eye: Animal Liberation — the Human Cost.

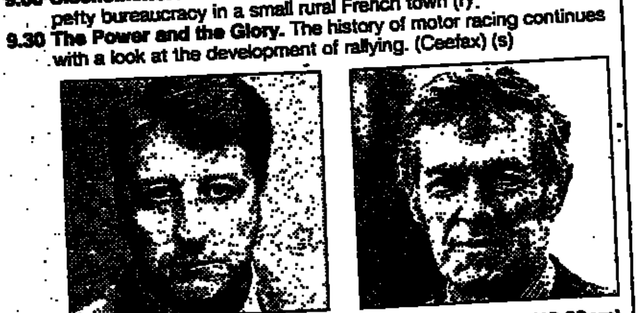
● CHOICE: A report on the animal rights campaign makes a brave attempt to throw new light on a murky area but is finally defeated by the impossibility of pinning down a disparate organisation and the people behind it. Instead it falls back on well-known examples such as the Oxford professor, Colin Blakemore, who uses animals in medical research. He claims that his work, of finding a cure for blindness in children, has been set back years. His home has been turned into a fortress and he feels in constant danger. A former Animal Liberation Front activist, Brenden McNally, condemns threats to Professor's Blakemore's life but says his property is a legitimate target. He calls Blakemore "a very evil person". The report suggests that the ALF is more active than ever and that support may be growing not only for its aims but its methods. But no one really knows who the arsonists and the bombers are or their true motives. Despite its best endeavours, this programme cannot help

8.30 Cats.

● CHOICE: Roger Tabor's history of the cat continues to fascinate. It should appeal even to people who cannot stand the animal, for this is no sentimental homage to a household pet. Rather it shows how the cat has been perceived by societies over the ages. In ancient Egypt, as Tabor explained last week, the animal was revered as a god. By the Middle Ages cats were regarded as the devil and women who befriended them accused of witchcraft. In contrast to dogs, which have always been seen as man's best friend, cats were burned alive in their thousands to exorcise the spirits believed to reside within them. Tabor suggests that the cat has been misunderstood and offers a short biology lesson to set the record straight. If we no longer roast cats over bonfires, the legend of their magical powers lingers on, not least in the pantomime stories of *Dick Whittington* and *Puss in Boots*

9.00 Clochemerle. Penultimate episode of the nine-part comedy about petty bureaucracy in a small rural French town (r).

9.30 The Power and the Glory. The history of motor racing continues with a look at the development of rallying. (Ceefax) (s)



News hounds: Richard Littlejohn, Richard Ingrams (10.00pm)

10.00 Have I Got News For You. Irreverent news quiz chaired by Angus Deayton, who manages to give himself most of the best lines. Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by *Sun* journalist Richard Littlejohn and Richard Ingrams (s)

10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron **11.15 Scrutiny.** Iain MacWhirter examines the work of parliamentary committees

11.45 Mystery Train. Richard O'Brien introduces **The Night Stalker.** Supernatural investigator Kolchak discovers an alien invasion **12.35am An Inside Job.** Animated tale about going to the dentist **12.45 Film: The Brain Eaters** (1958, b/w) starring Leonard Nimoy. An American town is invaded by a small hairy parasites. Directed by Bruno de Soto **1.45 Weather**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones hosts the quiz show in which he provides the answers and the contestants have to work out the questions **9.55 Thames News** and weather

10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine presented by the husband and wife team of Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes fashion, hair and make-up advice and a vegetarian recipe. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather

12.10 Rainbow. For the very young

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Ceefax) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in a small Australian outback town (s)

2.20 Contacts. A repeat of last night's edition of the television personal column **2.50 Talkabout.** Game show presented by Andrew O'Connor

3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital

3.55 The Raggy Dolls. Animated adventures **4.05 Victor and Hugo.** Cartoon series about two incompetent French crooks (s) **4.30 Knightmare.** Four Buckinghamshire schoolboys face puzzles and perils posed in a computerised dungeon **5.00 Cartoon.** Sylvester in *Cat's Paw* (r)

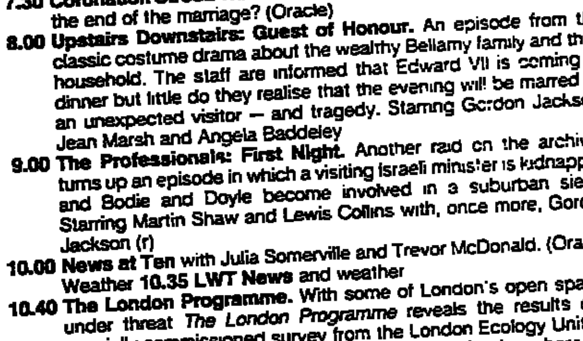
5.10 Home and away (r) (Oracle)

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough and Joanna Sheldon. The guests are comedian Jackie Mason and, from the newly refurbished Richmond Theatre, Sir Peter Ustinov. Followed by **LWT Weather**

6.55 The Day. Twenty-four hours in the life of an epileptic

7.00 The $64,000 Question. The last in the series of the quiz show with cash prizes, presented by Bob Monkhouse



Marriage on the rocks? Roy Barraclough as Alec Gilroy (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Will Alec's Christmas cruise without Bet mean the end of the marriage? (Oracle)

8.00 Upstairs Downstairs: Guest of Honour. An episode from the classic costume drama about the wealthy Bellamy family and their household. The staff are informed that Edward VII is coming to dinner but little do they realise that the evening will be marred by an unexpected visitor — and tragedy. Starring Gordon Jackson, Jean Marsh and Angela Baddeley

9.00 The Professionals: First Night. Another raid on the archives turns up an episode in which a visiting Israeli minister is kidnapped and Bodie and Doyle become involved in a suburban siege. Starring Martin Shaw and Lewis Collins with, once more, Gordon Jackson (r)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather

10.40 The London Programme. With some of London's open spaces under threat *The London Programme* reveals the results of a specially-commissioned survey from the London Ecology Unit

11.10 291 Club. Entertainment from the Hackney Empire where the performers are rated by the vocal enthusiasm or otherwise of a critical audience

12.10am Elvis Presley — One Night With You. The "King" in his television comeback concert, recorded in 1968

1.05 James Whale Radio Show. More members of the public risk being insulted by the caustic phone-in chat show host (s)

2.05 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and guile for both sexes

3.10 CinemAttractions. The latest news from Hollywood, presented by Charlie Tuna

3.40 Raw Power. Rock videos

4.35 The Skipping Championships. Action from a now very competitive sport

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily

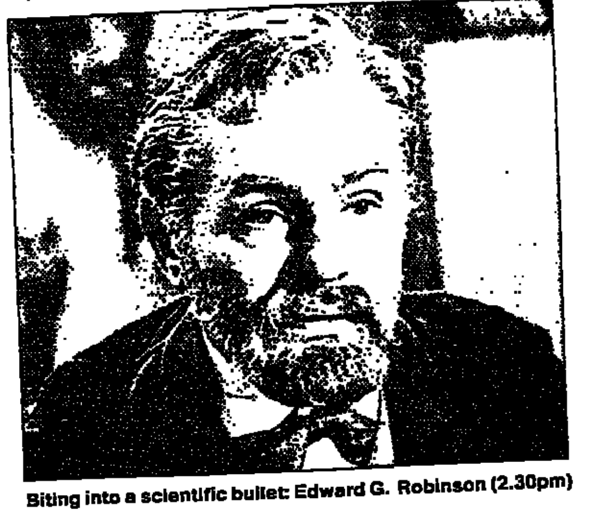
9.25 Schools

12.00 The Parliament Programme. Sir Robin Day talks to the shadow foreign secretary Gerald Kaufman about where Labour stands on Europe

12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's money markets

1.00 Sesame Street. Award-winning early learning series. The guest is Randy Travis

2.00 Art of the Western World. Michael Wood continues his series on the development of Western art with a look at the effect of Napoleon's rise and fall on French art and architecture (r)



Biting into a scientific bullet: Edward G. Robinson (2.30pm)

2.30 Film: Dr Ehrlich's Magic Bullet (1940, b/w).

● CHOICE From the middle of the 1930s Warner Brothers started turning away from its gangster dramas and other subjects "torn from the headlines" and launched a series of reverent, well-crafted biographies of great men of the past. After Louis Pasteur and Emile Zola came the German Dr Ehrlich who developed a successful treatment for syphilis. The break with the gangster film was not a total one. Paul Muni of *Scarface* played Pasteur and Zola, and Edward G Robinson, the unforgettable Little Caesar, was cast as the dedicated Ehrlich. It is a thoughtful performance from an intelligent actor who despite his explosive start in films as a manic hoodlum managed never to be typecast. The screenplay, by three writers including John Huston, showed an unusual (for Hollywood) fidelity to the facts and the director, who had also made the Pasteur and Zola films, was the painstaking William Dieterle

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game hosted by William G. Stewart

5.00 Cutting Edge: Strange Neighbours. A repeat of Monday night's documentary about Peter and Helen Kroger who lived in Ruislip, west London, and spied for the KGB at the height of the cold war (Teletext) (s)

6.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking blue collar comedy series starring Roseanne Barr and John Goodman (r)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests include singer Tori Amos and stand up comic Jo Brand

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 First Reaction. Why is Jack Nicholson's new film *The Two Jakes* being premiered at the Institute of Contemporary Arts?

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Quizbowl. The first of a new sports quiz series presented by Will Buckley. Teams from 12 newspapers answer a range of questions and score "yards" on an American football pitch. Tonight *The Daily Express* take on *The Daily Mail.* (Teletext) (s)

9.00 Cheers. Award-winning comedy set in a Boston bar. Starring Ted Danson, Kirstie Alley and Rhea Perlman. (Teletext) (s)

9.30 Nature Perfected. The second of a six-part series on the history of gardens considers the legacy of the Roman Empire on the gardens of Europe. (Teletext) (s)

10.00 Dream On. The second of a three-part story in which Martin (Brian Benben) finds himself in a bit part in the film biography of the man who stole his wife

10.35 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The guests are Phillip Schofield, Rory Bremner and Victor Kiam

11.15 The Word. The guests include Donna Summer and Barry White

12.15am Ring My Bell presented by Laurie Pike. At the other end of the phone lines this week are the Rev Al Shapton, Victor Kiam and agony aunt Karen Krizanovich

1.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (s). A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at **1.25**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.45 The Young Riders 11.40 291 Club 12.40-1.05 Stephen King's This Is Horror

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Election 91 11.10 Beauty and the Beast 12.10am-1.05 In the Heat of the Night 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie in Society* 5.20-5.30 Paul Weller in Profile

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Animal Country 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 Film: King of the Turf 3.50 The Hit Man and Her 4.50-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Voyager — The World of National Geographic 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 In the Heat of the Night 12.35am-1.05 Married with Children 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie in Society* 5.20-5.30 Paul Weller in Profile

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm The Young Doctors 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Exmoor Village 11.10 The West in Trust 11.40-12.10 Steve Looks Back

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.40 Elinor

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Dinosaurs 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Film: The Legend of Lizzie Borden 12.35am-1.05 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie in Society* 5.20-5.30 Paul Weller

TVS

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Police 5 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Film: Promise Her Anything 12.35am-1.05 Married...with Children

TYNE TEES

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 A Word In Your Ear 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Point of Order 11.10-1.05 Film: Simba 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie in Society* 5.20-5.30 Paul Weller in Profile

ULSTER

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Check It Out 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Glenroe 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Kelly 12.05am-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie in Society* 5.20-5.30 Paul Weller in Profile

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm Graham Kerr 2.20-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 The Calendar Fashion Show 8.00-10.00 Film: Raise the Titanic! 10.40 Film: In Broad Daylight 12.05am-1.05 War of the Worlds 2.05 Bhangra and Asian Beat 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein 2.40-5.30 Bhangra Night

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.30 Ysgolion 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Faith, Hope and Clarity 2.30 Film: Confessions of a Nazi Spy* 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 My Two Dads 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Plant Mewn Angen 91 7.10 Pobol Y Cwm 7.35 Y Maes Chwarae 8.05 Plant Mewn Angen 91 8.20 Newyddion 8.45 Plant Mewn Angen 91 9.05 Codi Cwestiwn 9.55 Plant Mewn Angen 91 10.00 Dream On 10.35 Clive Anderson Talks Back 11.15 The Word 12.15 Ring My Bell 1.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 1.25 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 11.45am Olscoil Educational Experiences 12.10 Oireachtas Report 12.30 Opening Nights 1.00 News 1.30 Aertel Financial Pages 1.35 Fair Play 1.45 GP 2.40 Mel Flanagan's Golf Mysteries 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Good Companions 5.20 Alternative Fringe 5.30 The Sullivans 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Video File 8.00 Major Dad 8.30 Winning Streak 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35-12.40 News followed by Shannon's Deal

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 Maude 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.15 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 The Friday Fright Night Feature: We're Fighting Back (1981) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour. 5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.00 Dayline Hour 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World: The Countryside Show 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were The Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl 6.40 Entertainment Tonight

10.00 Zits (1987) Five teenagers bluff the Pentagon and the KGB to raise money for their teacher's eye operation

12.00 Words to Live By: True story about the teenage publisher of an underground school newspaper

1.00pm Home Sweet Homeless (1989): The Palmers are evicted from their home

2.00 Delta Fever (1987) A young man proves himself in a water-skiing competition

4.00 Leona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean (1990): Suzanne Pleshette stars as the New York property magnate

5.40 Entertainment Tonight

6.00 Eddie and the Cruisers II: Eddie Lives (1989): The further adventures of the fictional rock 'n' roll singer

8.00 Ski Patrol (1989): A group of skiers attempts to foil the plans of an evil developer

9.40 US Top Ten

10.00 China O'Brien 2 (1990): Cynthia Rothrock uses her martial arts skills as a small-town sheriff

11.30 The Cobra (1989): A kung fu master and his former pupil come into conflict

1.10am The Lair of the White Worm (1988): Amanda Donohoe awakens an ancient worm

2.40 Hunter's Blood (1986): A group of deer hunters is stalked by redneck poachers

4.20 Banzai Runner (1986): A cop seeks revenge against the gang who caused his brother's death. Ends at 5.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am My Little Pony (1986): Cartoon

8.15 Hero at Large (1980): A struggling actor dresses up as Captain Avenger

10.15 Rope of Sand (1949, b/w). A hoard of diamonds is lost in the desert

12.15pm Strange Brew (1983): Two brothers uncover a plot by an evil brewery owner to drug the world's beer

1.50 Young Winston (1972): Simon Ward stars as Winston Churchill

4.25 Starchaser — The Legend of Orin (1985): Animated space fantasy

6.15 B.L. Stryker — Grand Theft Hotel (1990) Starring Burt Reynolds

8.15 A Dry White Season (1989). An Afrikaaner schoolteacher (Donald Sutherland) investigates police brutality

10.10 Phantasm II (1988). Surreal horror film

11.50 Apocalypse Now (1979) Francis Ford Coppola's Vietnam war drama

2.25am Punchline (1988): Tom Hanks and Sally Field train as stand-up comedians

4.30 Third Degree Burn (1989): Private investigator Treat Williams becomes a prime murder suspect when one of his clients is killed. Ends at 6.05

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellite. 4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Leave It To Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Are You Being Served? 8.30 Babes 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 In Living Color 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh In

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 European League Round-Up 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 NFL Today 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Torque 12.00 Netbusters 12.30pm European League Round-Up 1.30 Inside Tennis 2.30 International Women's Tennis 4.30 NFL Today 5.30 Motor World 6.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 7.00 FA Cup Classics 9.00 Superbouts 10.00 German League Football 12.00 Red Line 1.00am Superstars

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 1.00pm Football 2.30 Motor Sport News 3.00 Motor Cycling Supercross 5.00 Kick-Boxing 6.00 Track Action Magazine 6.30 Sailing 7.00 Tennis 8.00 Motor Cycling 8.30 Eurosport News 9.00 Boxing: Featherweight WBA World Championship — Londas v Hernandez 10.30 Trans World Sport 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Japanese International Golf 9.00 Revs 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Nascar Winston Cup 11.00 Copa America 1991 12.30pm European Show Jumping 1.00 Review of 1991 French F3 Championships 2.00 Eurobics 2.30 Formula One Grand Prix Films 3.00 US PGA Tour 1991 4.00 Argentine Football 5.00 Longitude 5.30 Pilote 6.00 Copa America 1991 7.30 Gillette World Sport Special 8.00 Gol 9.00 Formula One Grand Prix Films 9.30 NBA Basketball 11.00 Boxing 12.30am Japanese International Golf 2.00 Argentine Football 3.00 Review of 1991 French F3 Championships 4.00 Formula One Grand Prix Films 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Show Jumping

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am The Great American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 The Good Food Show 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 The Rich Also Cry 2.20 Lifestyle Plus 2.30 Video Tours 2.55 Power Hits USA 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 The Dick Van Dyke Show 4.30 The Great American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in G, Wq 183 No 4: C.P.E. Bach CO); Mozart (Sonata in D, K 311: Mitsuko Uchida, piano)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Kurt Weill (Suite, Kleine Dreigroschenmusik); Telemann (Trio Sonata in G minor); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloë, Suite No 2)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Charles Ives. Violin Sonata No 4, Children's Day at the Camp Meeting (Gregory Fulkerson, violin, Robert Shannon, piano); Ann Street; Serenity; Two Little Flowers; Side Show; West London (Jan DeGaetani, mezzo-soprano, Gilbert Kalish, piano); Symphony No 4 (Chicago Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas)

9.35 Sing a New Song: Music for St Cecilia's Day. Henry Purcell (Ode, Laudate Ceciliam: King's Consort under Robert King, with James Bowman, counter-tenor, Mark Padmore, tenor, Michael George, bass): Palestrina (Motet, Cantantibus organis: William Byrd Choir under Gavin Turner); Handel (Cantata, Cecilia, volgi un sguardo: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, with Jennifer Smith, soprano, John Elwes, tenor); Gounod (Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte Cecile. French National Radio Choir and Orchestra under Georges Prêtre, with Barbara Hendricks, soprano, Laurence Dale, tenor, Jean-Philippe Lafont, baritone); Britten (Hymn to Saint Cecilia: London Sinfonietta Voices under Terry Edwards); Purcell (Welcome to All the Pleasures: Taverner Consort, Choir and Players under Andrew Parrott, with Charles Daniels, tenor)

12.05pm Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper performs Stanford (Overture, The Canterbury Pilgrims); Bargiel (Intermezzo, Op 46); Somervell (Symphony in D minor, Thalassa)

1.00 News

1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester. Live from Studio 7. The pianist Ronan O'Hora plays Mozart (Fantasy in D minor, K 397); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 13, Pathetique); Schumann (Arabesque, Op 18); Wagner, transc Liszt (Liebestod, Tristan und Isolde); Mendelssohn (Andante and Rondo capriccioso, Op 14)

2.00 BBC Concert Orchestra under Norman Del Mar performs Balakirev (Symphonic poem, Tamara); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 2 in C)

3.05 Maud: Brian Rayner Cook, baritone, Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Arthur Somervell's song-cycle to words by Tennyson (r)

3.45 Mining the Archive: The pianist Wilhelm Backhaus plays Mozart (Sonata in C, K 330; Sonata in F, K 332); Beethoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 81a, Les Adieux; Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 2, Moonlight)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Children in Need, with Fiona Talkington

6.30 The Tatum Touch: In the third of six programmes on the American pianist Art Tatum, Alun Morgan concentrates on the first half of the 1940s

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: Silversmiths Kevin Coates and Rod Kelly talk to Philippa Glanville about their contribution to the new silver commissions by Lichfield Cathedral and Downing Street

7.30 BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Rachmaninov (Symphonic poem, The Isle of the Dead); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor: Artur Pizarro). **8.30** David Elliott and Matthew Cullerne Bown preview pictures from an exhibition of Russian Socialist Realism, and talk to Judith Bumpus (r). **8.50** Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures at an Exhibition)

9.35 . . . And That's the Difficult Part: Singer Cleo Laine, pianist and composer Stan Tracey and reed player Bob Wilber talk to Mel Hill about the influences on their singing and playing (r)

10.20 Music In Our Time: Anthony Burton introduces a portrait of David Lumsdaine. Gemini under Ian Mitchell, with Mary Wiegold, soprano, performs Bagatelles; What Shall I Sing?; Empty Sky, Moodwingee — first UK broadcasts

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Elgar (r)

1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer of the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the scientist and environmental theorist James Lovelock (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30am Dear Diary (FM only): Simon Brett reads diary extracts for November 22 (s)

10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Judges. Read by Ian Hogg (3 of 7)

10.30 Woman's Hour ventures onto the football terraces in the company of Bobby Charlton

11.30 The Natural History Programme

12.00 News; You and Yours investigates a scheme in Devon that could increase the number of donor organs

12.25pm The Food Programme examines why Britain's poor do not eat a healthy diet **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Personal History of David Copperfield

● CHOICE: With Dickens's spotless Agnes pointing ever upward (though, naturally, without that final superfluous exclamation mark to accompany the gesture), the curtain falls on Betty Davies's exemplary dramatisation. Director Marilyn Imrie brings off the famous storm scene in great style, Gary Cady's David spares us actual tears but leaves us moist-eyed, and in her swansong scene, Jenny Howe's Rosa Dartle mercifully opts for restrained bitterness rather than the hair-tearing hysterics that Dickens thought more appropriate to the occasion (s) (r)

3.00 News; Special Assignment: John Parry assesses the condition of England's historic buildings

3.30 Bookshelf takes a literary flight of fancy as Nigel Forde ventures into the mythical world of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, and announces the winners of the *Bookshelf*/Gollancz First Fantasy Novel

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope launches a country and western song lyrics competition; reviews Laurence van der Post's biography *About Blady*; looks at the New York arts scene; and reviews the photo-journalist Eve Arnold's exhibition at London's National Portrait Gallery (s)

4.45 Short Story: Three Hours Between Planes, by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Read by Garrick Hagon (r)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin reports on Britain's largest surviving car manufacturer

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week (s)

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Peterborough by Melanie Phillips, policy editor at *The Guardian*; Sir Anthony Parsons, former ambassador to the United Nations; Angela Rumbold, MP; and Pat Hewitt, deputy director at the Institute for Public Policy Research

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Tales from the Bass Line. Dave Holland, the jazz double-bassist, and Chi-Chi Nwankou, the classical double-bassist, reveal life behind the bass (s) (r)

9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: What Hetty Did, by J.L. Carr. Read by Hetty Baynes (3 of 10) (r)

11.00 Week Ending: David Tate, Sally Grace and Bill Wallis with a satirical review of the week's news (s)

11.25 The Financial Week (s)

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Goes to Your Place: Children in Need. Gary Davies plays Monopoly, live on the streets of London 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News '91 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance 12.00 Loose Talk 12.30-4.00am Loose Talk (FM only) Soul Train; 2.30 Night Train

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Children in Need 24-Hour Marathon Appeal, with Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.00 Derek Jameson 8.00 Gloria Hunniford 9.00 Brian Matthew 10.00 Gyles Brandreth 11.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Ed Stewart 1.00pm David Jacobs 2.00 Debbie Greenwood 3.00 Bob Holness 4.00 Debbie Thrower 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 The Name's the Game. Comedy biography game 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night 8.45 Ronan Magill at the piano 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with This Family Business 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service Global Concerns. 2.45 International Money Programme. 3.05 Outlook. 3.30 Focus on Faith. 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Star Smashers of the Galaxy Rangers 7.30 King Street Junior: D-Day Minus One. A comedy drama by Jim Eldridge (r) 8.00 House of Stars 8.30 Vibe-line, with Pete Wardman Tel. 0345 909693 9.30 Mike's Secret Mike: Alternative comedy espionage panel game 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Rave, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips for Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours Live 7.30 Amazon Watershed 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report Live 9.15 Global Concerns 9.30 Seven Seas 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 Rock Salad 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 Amazon Watershed 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: The Sign of Four 2.45 Behind The Stage Door 3.00 News 3.15 Music Review 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News and Business Report 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.29 News 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News and Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 The Best of British 10.20 People and Politics 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 World Business Report 11.15 Worldbrief 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am From the Weeklies 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Short Story: Easy Pickings 1.45 Jazz Now and Then 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk

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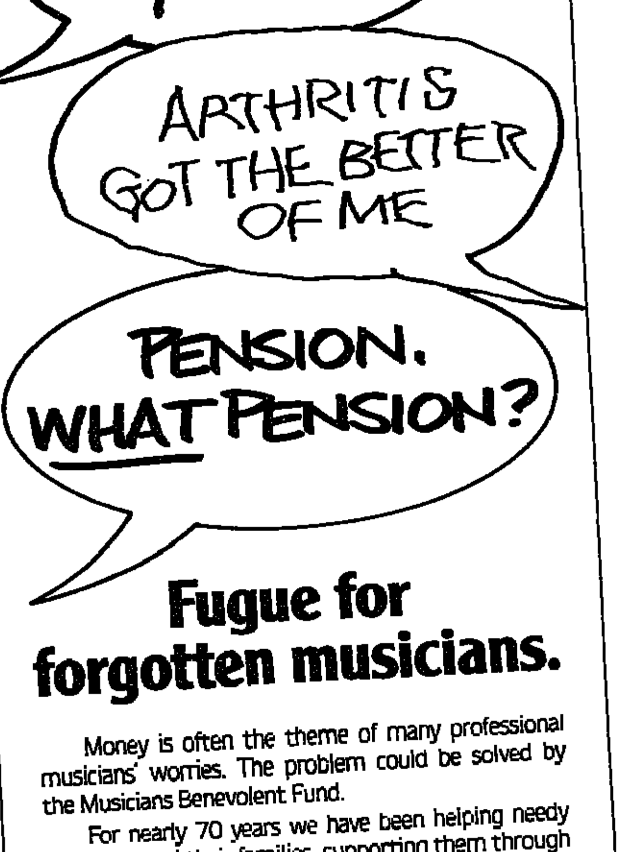
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Army to tell 160 officers they must go

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 160 senior and middle-ranking army officers are to be made compulsorily redundant next year in the first stage of manpower cuts, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, announced last night. The figure is much lower than had been feared because of a late surge in applications for voluntary redundancy.

Mr Hamilton said in a written Commons answer that 801 officers had applied for redundancy. About 850 were needed to meet the cuts timetable for 1992-93, but some who have applied will not be allowed to go. The 160 are officers who were earmarked for redundancy but did not put their names forward. Over the three stages of the cuts, which will reduce the army from 156,000 soldiers to 116,000, about 10,000 officers will leave through redundancy schemes.

Mr Hamilton said that 4,492 soldiers had also applied for redundancy, nearly 2,000 more than required at this stage in the process. "I am pleased to say that all the reduction of 2,500 soldiers and a large majority of the reduction of 850 officers in 1992-93 will be from those who asked to be considered."

Those who will be made compulsorily redundant will be notified next February. The officers concerned are working in areas that have been designated for cuts under the government's options for change defence review.

In September, army chiefs were afraid that as many as 600 officers might face compulsory redundancy because of a shortage of volunteers. But the redundancy package offered by the defence ministry generated a rush of applications before the deadline of October 31. Officers are to receive a lump sum equivalent to 18 months' pay.

Mr Hamilton also disclosed that the planned cuts of 8,000 jobs in the Royal Navy would be achieved largely through natural turnover and reduced recruiting. However, there would be a need for a limited redundancy programme over two or three years, affecting 80 captains and commanders and 320 warrant officers and petty officers.

The RAF is scheduled to be cut by 14,000 but there are not expected to be any compulsory redundancies. The defence ministry hopes that most of the army cuts will also be through voluntary redundancy. Redundancy payments for the three services will cost £1.29 billion. The Treasury has granted the ministry an extra £830 million next year, £1.12 billion in 1993-4 and £300 million in 1994-5.

TONY WHITE

Pretty as a picture: Gauguin's "Barbaric Tales" on a sarong skirt, left, and Beryl Cook's "Girl with Tattoos" on a dress, part of a collection of hand knitted garments based on paintings, at a British Hand Knitting Confederation show in London

Victory feast in ruins of Vukovar

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ment ward where the last of the wounded were treated was dark, dirty and malodorous. The floor was littered with bloody dressings. Doctors, nurses and orderlies looked as dazed and shell-shocked as those they were treating. An old woman with a dirty face and wild hair cried out to go home. The nurse changing her bandages said: "Quiet mother, your home is gone."

Tucked away in the corner of the ward were wounded waiting to die. Every so often a nurse or doctor would clutch a hand and smile reassuringly at a patient with the glazed expression that precedes the death rattle.

The Serb-led forces were yesterday determined to convince the outside world that the Croatian defenders of Vukovar carried out a series of atrocities before most of them fled the town. The evidence is, at best, inadmissible and highly suspect.

Positive proof had been promised that 40 children had been murdered by Croat fighters before the fall of Vukovar. "We will convince you, even the most cynical will believe," a federal army lieutenant colonel said.

In the event "the bodies, all with their throats cut" were not available for inspection. "Forensic examinations are continuing," Colonel Starcevic said. "But on the basis of past experience it would be extremely difficult to suppose the dead children were Croat rather than Serb."

As questions about the alleged massacre continued, another army officer at the victory banquet said: "Please, no more. You are putting me off my bean soup." He called for more plum brandy.

Outside the hotel, federal troops crouched in doorways amid broken glass and cartridge cases as occasional sniper fire could be heard. One young soldier surveying the devastation said: "Sure we pounded this place. These Croats are Nazi butchers." Similar sentiments were expressed inside the darkened banqueting hall of the Dunav hotel.

The streets of Vukovar yesterday bore witness to the fury of the three-month siege. There were long-dead bodies, rubble, gutted buildings, rotting livestock and torn tree stumps. Everywhere there was the detritus of war: broken toys, single shoes, smashed furniture, as well as unexploded mortar bombs.

Truth in crossfire, page 14

Political sketch

Trust is trust, in any language...

"Die Schwäche unserer Debatte besteht darin, dass sie manchmal zu defensiv ist. Zu häufig stellen wir uns selbst dar, als ob wir uns in irgendeiner Art von Belagerungszustand befänden: als ob unsere Sorge nur darin bestünde, mit welcher Geschwindigkeit wir Ansichten und Interessen jenseits des Ärmelkanals nachgeben ..."

So convinced was your sketchwriter by the foreign secretary's speech to the Commons that, entering the spirit, I offer you his opening remarks in German. Douglas Hurd sketched out for MPs so convincing a vision of their European destiny that, all at once, our anxieties seemed petty. That, indeed, is what Mr Hurd was saying — if I may trouble you with the English translation ...

"The weakness of our debate is that it is sometimes too defensive. We too often represent ourselves as in some way under siege: as if we were concerned only about the pace at which we yield to opinions and interests across the Channel ..."

We felt ashamed to have doubted. Had we really been so parochial as to care in what language our future was discussed? So insular as to mind that such decisions might be taken in foreign places? Why, the very word "foreign" began to sound mean-spirited. These were our brothers: why should language, or geography, separate us a moment longer? "Ich glaube, dass diese defensive Haltung fehl am Platz ist," Herr Hurd sagte ... Or shall we try it in English, just a little longer: "I think that defensive note is well astray," said Mr Hurd.

Hear hear! Ja Ja! The opening speeches of yesterday's Euro-debate featured two wonderfully smooth performers.

Douglas Hurd's is the voice we would select if what was needed was to calm the citizenry after London had been hit by a massive nuclear bomb. Those decent, intelligent, honourable tones would instantly calm and reassure. There is really nothing to worry about, he would tell us. Rumours had been spread, silly rumours...

It was of course true there had been a small explosion near St James's Park. Heaven knows we were used to these. The roast pigeons falling from the sky were, it was true, an unusual feature: but the metropolis always did have a pigeon problem ...

All the same, and purely as a precaution — as much to rehearse for future contingencies as to deal with this one — sensible people everywhere were *recommended* (he put it no higher than that) to whitewash their windows, wrap themselves in bin-liners and crawl into their wardrobes, taking with them spare food and water that might be to hand ...

Mr Hurd spoke for half an hour. The gist of it was that this Maastrich "crunch" was a silly fuss, got up by silly people, and would we please calm down and just *trust* him. We did, almost.

Gerald Kaufman adopted a different approach. Where a Hurd goes straight to what is bothering you and tells you you're imagining it, a Kaufman avoids the subject. Labour's foreign affairs spokesman told us about the EC and the Middle East, the EC and Salman Rushdie ... He told us about splits in the Conservative party. He mentioned dozens of the uncontroversial things Europe might do. Asked why he had dropped his personal scepticism towards Europe, he offered the astonishing explanation that the Single European Act was now law, and one should obey the law. The speech was skilful, rude, witty and evasive.

Kaufman compared Major's approach with a Serrat painting — lots of little dots, like Serrat, but (unlike Serrat) no overall picture. Maybe so: but a Kaufman speech is like an Escher drawing: apparently plausible until you examine its internal logic, whereupon it emerges as a sophisticated joke.

Mrs Thatcher contained herself through his speech, and Douglas Hurd's. The foreign secretary had launched his cheekiest attack on her to date. Serving in Ted Heath's cabinet, he said, she had opposed referenda. Now (and he threw back at her the word she used of him on Wednesday) she had gone "wobbly". She bit her lip.

But when Ted Heath himself reminded her of her former opposition to referenda, it was too much. For the first time in the nearly 17 years since she deposed him, she intervened to take him on. Her support for referenda, she said, was a matter of "loyally upholding" his own policy.

Mrs Thatcher hit the word "loyally" rather hard.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Britain leads Europe in patriotism

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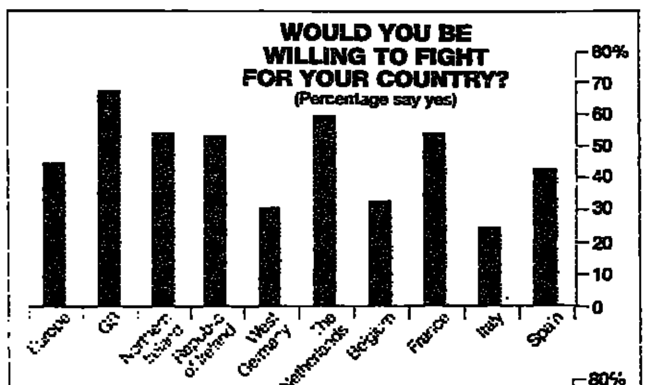
in ten European countries shows that, faced with the prospect of a more united Europe, British fears of a loss of identity and sacrifice of national interests are greater than in any other country.

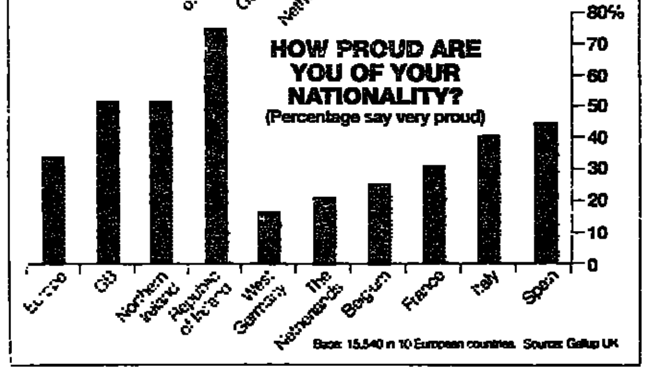
But the poll also confirms previous findings by Mori that Thatcherism has had little impact on the views of the British electorate. Over the past decade, there has been an increase of eight percentage points in the number of people in Britain who rate equality as more important than personal freedom.

Only Northern Irish, Italian and Spanish respondents support more strongly than the 43 per cent of Britons the idea that "the state should provide more for individuals". Only Spain and France have a larger proportion than the 41 per cent of Britons who believe that "wealth can only be accumulated at the expense of others".

The figures show that 72 per cent of Britons questioned support increased government spending on health, education and welfare, even if it means increased taxes. More British people (46 per cent) believe that the unemployed have the right to refuse a job than those in any other country. Least sympathetic is Italy, where 74 per cent say that the unemployed should take any job.

According to the poll, for which the British data was supplied by Gallup, the 1980s saw an improvement in the standing of trades unions in Britain. The number who considered them a "good" institution increased from 60 per cent to 68 per cent. By December 1989, 57 per cent felt the best way of dealing with political opponents was to "meet them halfway", compared to 38 per cent in 1983.





Base: 15,540 in 10 European countries. Source: Gallup UK

Major says no to Euro referendum

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Mrs Thatcher sitting just behind him. "Nowhere has this case against introducing a referendum on a particular issue been argued with more energy than in this House on March 11, 1975 by Mrs Thatcher."

The foreign secretary reminded MPs that she had then quoted former Labour prime minister Clement Attlee's opinion that the referendum was a "device of dictators and demagogues".

Echoing Mrs Thatcher's own joke at his expense the day before, he said: "I'm just a little sad that she seems to have become a shade 'wobbly' on this subject since then."

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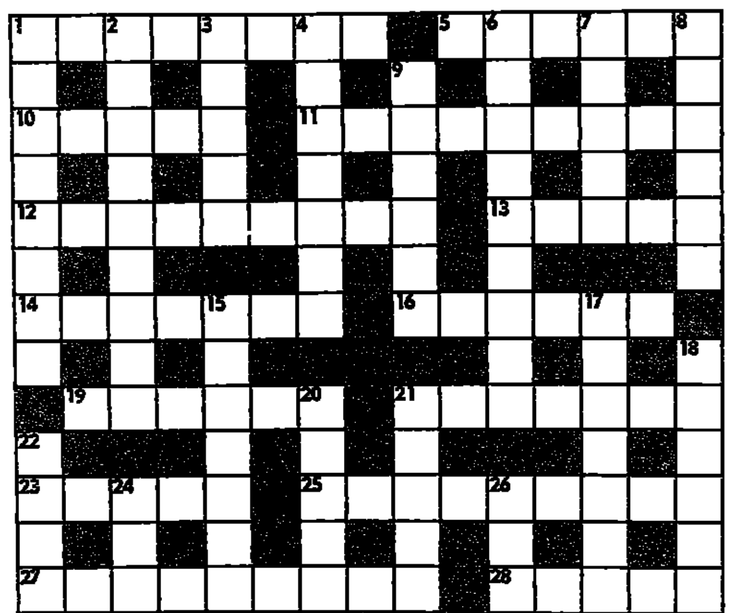

ACROSS

- 1 Public house in which to find work before university (8).
- 5 Chalice permitted past the mouth . . . (6).
- 10 . . . spilling large drink (5).
- 11 Suddenly and simultaneously . . . (3,2,4).
- 12 . . . man, invading island with 500, airily took over (9).
- 13 In disorder, I fled the scene of battle (5).
- 14 When everything's washed out, stand here to dry (7).
- 16 Pass a note by mistake (6).
- 19 Pink pin (6).
- 21 Travelling in Sweden, I stood up (7).
- 23 Very small tailless insect (5).
- 25 A girl named Elsie heartlessly abandoned (9).
- 27 Memo about a balance (9).
- 28 To lower a boat, just the fall at the end is needed (5).
- 29 Finally launch missile, causing distress (6).
- 30 One who brings back stories about drink (8).

DOWN

- 1 Mansion to give help, we hear, providing a fence (8).
- 2 Savings swallowed up by this greedy money-lender (5,4).
- 3 Insect right inside rock (5).
- 4 Biscuit — a superb example of its kind (7).
- 6 Whence card comes immediately (3,2,4).
- 7 Weapon used by our martial ancestors (5).
- 8 Close in to hear with it (6).
- 9 Pop puts money on the shelf (6).
- 15 The state of Greenland (3,6).
- 17 Talk at length about one bird, and say what's on your mind (4,2,3).
- 18 The craftsman to scoff about goodness (8).
- 20 Engineers take twenty-four hours at the outside to provide a cure (6).
- 21 Approve of red-nose comic (7).
- 22 Soil in borders, turned over, starts to change hue (6).
- 24 Not entirely decorous object (5).
- 26 Look around a ship and find rope (5).

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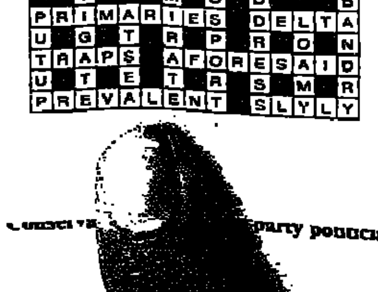

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C E F S K L N A
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SWINDLE GARNISH
O N A E N U
RESTYLE GRANGES
T M O D B
PRIMARIES DELTA
U G T R P R O N
TRAPS AFORESAID
U T E T R S M R
PREVALENT SLYLY

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BETTSCHWERE
a. Night clothes
b. A state of doziness
c. Swearing on the Bible

TWANKAY
a. A widow
b. Green tea
c. A harbour master

DROSOMETER
a. A nautical metre
b. A measure of dew
c. The lesser Asclepiad, dum-di-di-dum

DRUSE
a. A Muslim Christian cross
b. To scrub the floor
c. A rock cavity

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WEATHER

Wales, western and southern England will be cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle and fog on hills, but the southeast should brighten up. Central and eastern parts of England will be dry with bright or sunny intervals. Rain in the far northwest will reach the rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland by the end of the day. Most parts will be mild. Outlook: dry in England and Wales; wet elsewhere.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	f	Majorca	14	57	f
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Malaga	15	59	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	15	59	c	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	1	34	c	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	20	68	s	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	9	48	f
Barbads*	27	81	c	Montreal*	14	57	c
Barcelna	10	50	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Beirut	23	73	s	Munich	1	34	d
Belgrade	13	55	f	Nairobi	19	66	t
Berlin	5	41	s	Naples	14	57	r
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N Delhi	23	73	s
Biarritz	6	43	c	N York*	22	72	s
Borde'x	6	43	c	Nice	14	57	s
Brussels	2	36	s	Oslo	-3	27	sn
Budapst	8	46	r	Paris	4	39	c
B Aires*	23	73	s	Peking	9	48	s
Cairo	24	75	f	Perth	27	81	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	0	32	c
Chicago*	8	46	c	Reykjavik	5	41	c
Ch'church	19	66	s	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	4	39	c	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phagn	2	36	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
Corfu	20	68	s	Rome	15	59	f
Dublin	7	45	r	Salzburg	2	36	d
Faro	14	57	s	S F'risco*	14	57	f
Florence	10	50	r	Santiago*	31	88	s
Frankfurt	5	41	c	S Paulo*	19	66	c
Funchal	18	64	c	Seoul	11	52	c
Geneva	5	41	c	St'kholm	0	32	f
Gibraltar	15	59	s	Strasb'rg	5	41	c
Helsinki	-1	30	s	Sydney	18	64	f
Innsbrck	3	37	c	Tangier	13	55	s
Istanbul	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tokyo	13	55	s
Karachi	30	86	s	Toronto*	11	52	c
L Palmas	20	68	c	Tunis	17	63	f
Le Tquet	5	41	s	Valencia	13	55	f
Lisbon	12	54	s	Vanc'ver*	8	46	r
Locarno	9	48	s	Venice	10	50	r
London	7	45	s	Vienna	4	39	r
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	1	34	c
Luxembg	3	37	c	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
Luxor	28	82	s	Wel'nton	19	66	s
Madrid	8	46	f	Zurich	3	37	c

* denotes figures are latest available

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Australia $	2.305	2.155
Austria Sch	21.30	19.80
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Denmark Kr	11.70	10.95
Finland Mkk	8.27	7.67
France Fr	10.26	9.56
Germany Dm	3.005	2.805
Greece Dr	348.00	323.00
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.50
Ireland Pt	1.124	1.054
Italy Lira	2275.00	2125.00
Japan Yen	250.00	231.00
Netherlands Gld	3.385	3.165
Norway Kr	11.86	11.08
Portugal Esc	261.50	243.50
South Africa Rd	5.15	4.55
Spain Pta	189.00	178.00
Sweden Kr	11.08	10.22
Switzerland Fr	2.66	2.49
Turkey Lira	9100.00	40.00
USA $	1.89	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 01C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	3.9	-	6	43	sunny
Aviemore	0.1	-	4	39	cloudy
Belfast	5.8	-	6	43	sunny
Birmingham	6.3	-	7	45	sunny
Bristol	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Buxton	5.6	-	4	39	sunny
Cardiff	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Clacton	6.3	0.09	8	46	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.6	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	4.1	0.04	7	45	shower
Douglas	5.5	-	8	46	bright
Eastbourne	6.2	0.18	8	46	sunny
Edinburgh	3.7	-	4	39	bright
Folkestone	3.0	0.33	8	46	shower
Glasgow	4.7	-	5	41	bright
Guernsey	3.2	-	8	46	sunny
Hastings	5.6	0.20	8	46	sunny
Hunstanton	1.1	0.06	7	45	shower
Jersey	6.1	-	9	48	sunny
Kinloss	0.1	0.01	6	43	shower
Leeds	5.1	-	7	45	bright
Lerwick	2.7	-	6	43	bright
Littlehampton	7.1	0.01	8	46	sunny
London	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Manchester	5.7	-	7	45	sunny
Minehead	6.8	-	8	46	sunny
Morecambe	6.5	-	6	43	sunny
Newcastle	1.2	0.04	6	43	shower
Newquay	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	7.2	-	6	43	sunny
Penzance	8.0	-	10	50	sunny
Plymouth	8.0	-	8	46	sunny
Poole	7.2	-	8	46	sunny
Prestwick	6.6	-	5	41	sunny
Sandown	5.8	-	8	46	sunny
Scarborough	0.9	0.02		x	xcloudy
Scilly Isles	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	5.9	-	8	46	sunny
St. Ives	5.5	0.01	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	0.4	0.03	8	46	rain
Swanage	6.6	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	6.7	-	9	48	sunny
Tiree	1.6	0.01	9	48	bright
Torquay	7.4	-	8	46	sunny
Wick	1.4	0.02	5	41	cloudy
Worthing	7.2	0.01	8	46	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

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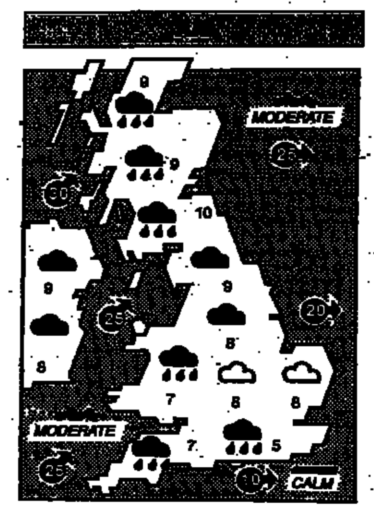

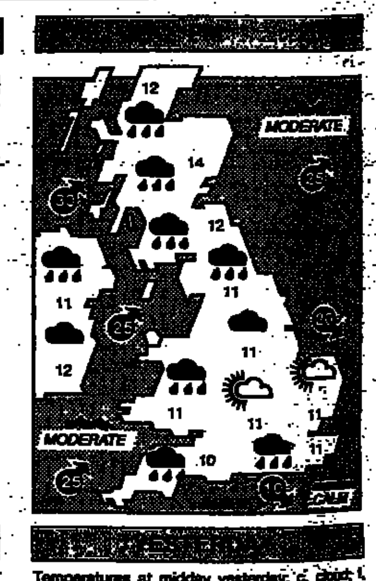

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Bristol 4.13 pm to 7.41 am
Edinburgh 3.55 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.03 pm to 7.48 am
Penzance 4.30 pm to 7.47 am

Sun rises: 7.30 am
Sun sets: 4.03 pm
Moon sets 8.22 am
Moon rises 4.06 pm
Last quarter November 28

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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	r	Guernsey	8	46	s
B'rmgham	4	39	c	Inverness	12	54	r
Blackpool	8	46	r	Jersey	9	48	c
Bristol	5	41	f	London	7	45	s
Cardiff	5	41	f	M'nchster	3	37	r
Edinburgh	8	46	r	Newcastle	8	46	r
Glasgow	9	48	r	R'nldsway	8	46	r

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 05C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -02C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

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Wednesday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway, 03C (37F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.36 in; highest sunshine: Penzance, Cornwall; and Plymouth, Devon, 8.0 hr.

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.26	7.0	1.40	7.1	Liverpool	10.57	9.5	11.19	9.6
Aberdeen	12.43	4.3	1.12	4.3	Lowestoft	9.05	2.5	9.33	2.5
Avonmouth	6.56	13.3	7.21	13.4	Margate	11.34	4.9		
Belfast	10.42	3.5	11.04	3.4	Milford Haven	5.54	7.0	6.18	7.1
Cardiff	6.41	12.3	7.06	12.3	Newquay	4.45	7.0	6.18	7.1
Devonport	5.47	5.6	6.10	5.5	Oban	5.21	4.0	5.52	4.1
Dover	10.33	6.8	10.58	6.7	Penzance	4.43	5.7	5.06	5.6
Falmouth	5.17	5.4	5.40	5.3	Portland	6.47	2.3	7.18	2.3
Glasgow	12.30	4.7	12.47	4.9	Portsmouth	11.02	4.8	11.30	4.8
Harwich	11.39	4.1			Shoreham	10.50	6.2	11.16	6.3
Holyhead	9.59	5.7	10.20	5.7	Southampton	10.39	4.6	11.04	4.5
Hull	5.57	7.4	6.21	7.3	Swansea	5.57	9.7	6.22	9.7
Ilfracombe	5.36	9.3	6.01	9.3	Tees	3.10	5.5	3.36	5.5
King's Lynn	6.03	6.7	6.28	6.7	W'ton-on-Nze	11.32	4.3	11.58	4.2
Leith	2.03	5.6	2.32	5.5					

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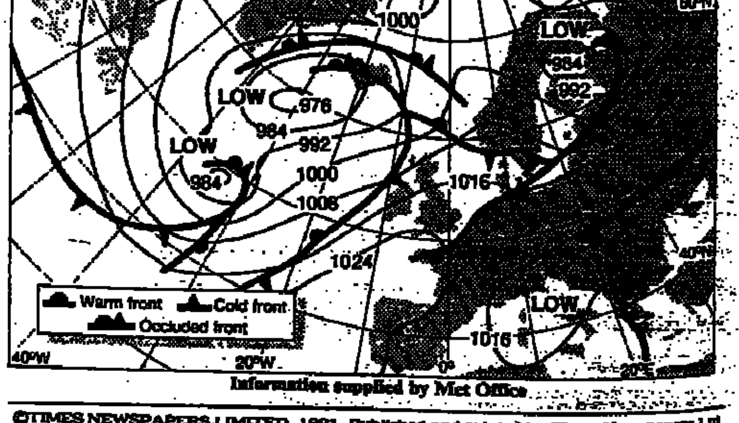

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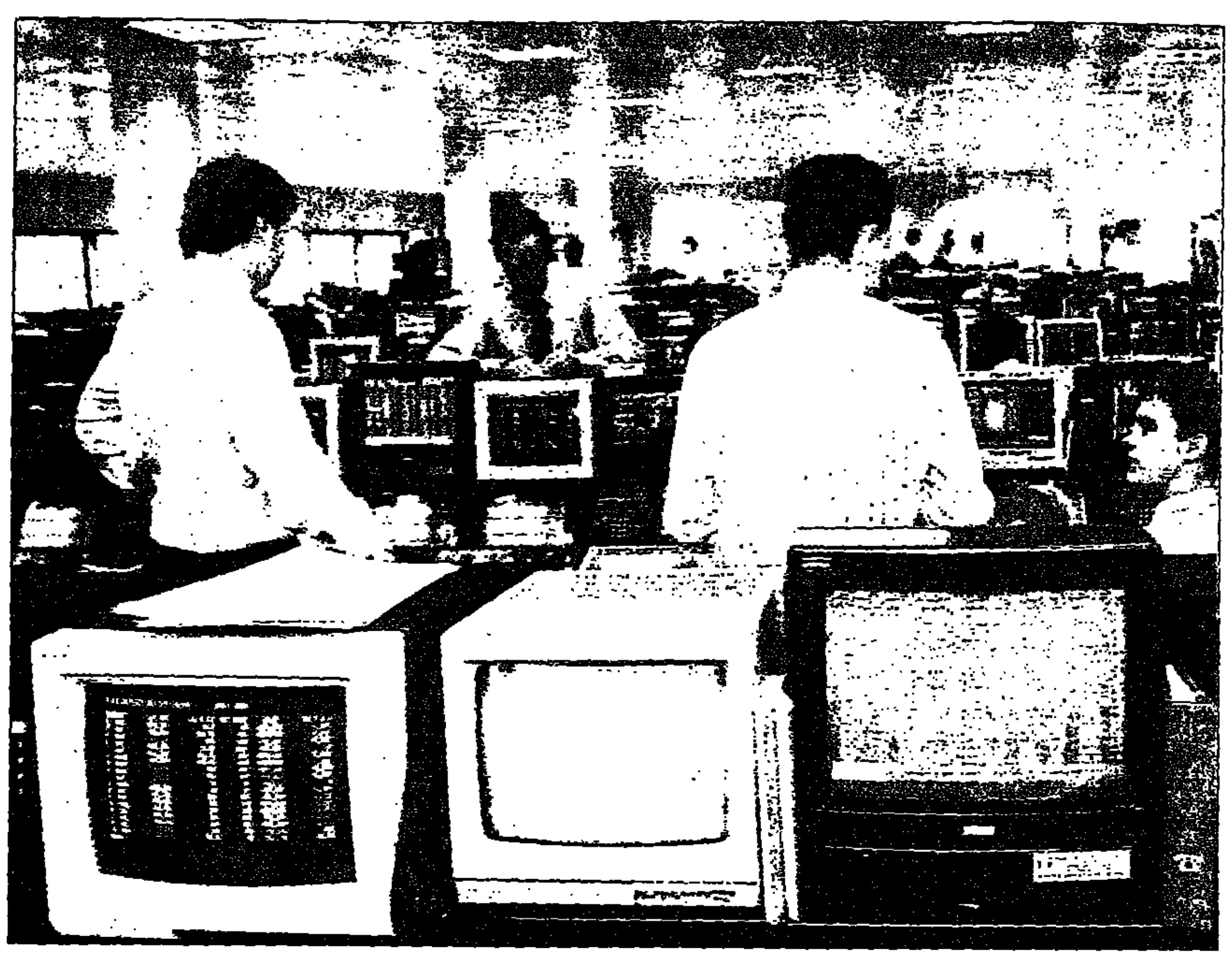
Wall Street regains composure after nervous weekend



JULIAN HERBERT

Holding the line: Smith New Court dealers, along with the rest of the City, got the strategy right to deter sellers

London shares recover after early plunge

By Michael Clark, Philip Robinson and Joanna Pitman

DEALERS on the London Stock Exchange responded ruthlessly to Friday's slide on Wall Street, sending the FT-SE 100 index down 82.5 points in the opening minutes.

With Wall Street recovering some of its composure after a nervous start, however, the index was able to almost halve the opening fall to close 43.7 lower at 2,502.9.

At 1.30pm in New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was showing a rise of 5.15 to 2,948.35, after falling to 2,929.79 earlier. Brokers on Wall Street gave warning that the apparent stability may be short lived. Traders have been forecasting a correction for some months after this year's 600-point climb in the Dow Jones industrial average, taking share prices to levels which many analysts felt could not be justified by the current profits outlook.

At yesterday's opening, the Dow — which measures America's top 30 companies — opened 20 points up and then yo-yoed between a gain of 22.59 points and a loss of 12.75 points. Trading was light during the morning but began to pick up later. On Friday, trading volume hit more 250 million as the Dow plunged 120.31 points in what was feared would be the start of a substantial fall.

When London dealers they left their offices on Friday night there was no hint of the carnage to come in New York. But this kind of scenario has become familiar and they now seem confident about handling it with only a limited amount of blood-letting.

An early markdown seems to be enough to deter the sellers and, as fund managers pointed out, London has not enjoyed the same success in recent weeks as Wall Street. There are not the sort of profits to be taken by investors and this makes it easier to contain the falls. Trading conditions proved thin and volatile and by the close only 502 million shares had changed hands. There was evidence of selling first thing, but this quickly dried up. Many fund managers tried to take advantage of the markdown to pick up cheap stock but this was not always possible.

International companies, particularly those with big dollar earnings and American shareholders, bore the brunt of the losses.

The privatisation stocks were also hit but managed to close off the bottom. Their strong yields and resistance to recession make them a favourite with many investors during times of nervousness.

The task of traders was made that much more difficult yesterday, however, by the latest retail sales showing a small fall. Analysts had been hoping that the latest figures would show a rise and underpin recent comments by the likes of Burton and Ratners that there were signs of an upturn in spending. Despite the bullish comments about the economy from the Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, there is growing evidence that the pick-up on both sides of the Atlantic is, at best, patchy.

A government adviser to the forthcoming £6 billion sale of British Telecom shares stressed that the sale would continue despite the fall in the London market and the uncertainty over share values.

When the share sale was announced by the Chancellor, the BT share price stood at 260p. Yesterday, it declined 7p to 357p. Advisers believe the market falls justify the decision to price the issue at the end of the offer period, so dispensing with the underwriting process.

Earlier on Monday, the Tokyo stock market lost approximately 3 per cent of its value as the Nikkei average dropped almost 700 points to close at 23,400.12, leaving traders nervous about the knock-on effects in London and New York overnight. "Our market used to be insulated from negative knock-on effects from other markets. Now we are as vulnerable as any other leading financial centre," said one Japanese trader.

The securities scandals of this year and subsequent trading ban imposed on the Big Four brokers (Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi) which ended only last week, have reduced the traditional strengths of the finance ministry to act, in collaboration with the Big Four, to avert sudden collapses in the Nikkei average, as it did, for example, following Black Monday in 1987.

With the Big Four's traditional resistance to selling pressure removed, yesterday's market was considered weak and expectations of market support from the finance ministry have been drastically reduced. Trading volume was thin, estimated at 280 million shares, and index-linked arbitrage selling also pushed the Nikkei down.

Many Japanese believe the Dow Jones index is over-valued. Given that the Tokyo market is not as over-valued as it has been in the past, yesterday's parallel drop reflected more of a general concern with the American economy.

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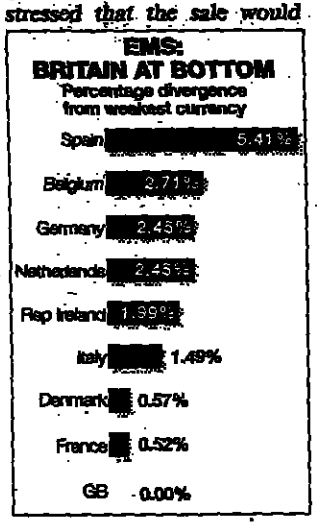
Percentage divergence from weakest currency



France lifts interest rates half a point

By Wolfgang Münchau

FRANCE raised key interest rates half a percentage point to 9.25 per cent yesterday in a surprise move, wiping out last month's rate cut.

The decision is an embarrassment to the French government and the Banque de France, the central bank, and is indicative of the dangers of lowering interest rates within the exchange-rate mechanism too far and too fast on the back of good inflation and monetary growth data. The Banque de France said the rate rise was essentially forced by the market and came in response to the weakness of the franc against the mark.

French inflation is 1 per cent lower than German inflation, and the French economy has weakened considerably during this year. The events bear testimony to French exasperation with the ERM.

The rise in rates led to a small rise of the franc against the mark, and a strengthening of the franc within the ERM, leaving sterling the weakest currency within the system. The Paris stock market reacted strongly, and the CAC-40 index closed down 54.93 points at 1808.27.

The Banque de France also raised the emergency short-term lending rate, by a quarter of a point, to 10 per cent.

There was some speculation in Paris that yesterday's decision was part of an orchestrated move to drive European rates higher.

In London, Warren Oliver, European economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "In the context of the conspiracy versus the cock-up theory, I am coming down on the side of the cock-up theory. The French took a bet to cut interest rates, and until Friday it looked like they would succeed."

Derek Scott, European economist at BZW, said the recent cuts "looked like a gesture without relevance". He said: "The important thing to bear in mind is that with stock markets falling, it is very strong message indeed for a central bank to raise rates."

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Fall in retail sales hits hope of early recovery

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

HOPES of a consumer-led economic recovery before Christmas were dealt a blow yesterday by much weaker than expected retail sales last month. Sales volumes fell by an estimated 0.5 per cent in October compared with September. The City had expected a 0.5 per cent rise.

The worst areas continued to be household goods and electrical items related to the housing market, but government statisticians also found tentative signs of weakening in the food sector, which had continued to grow during the recession. By contrast, sales from mixed retailers, including department stores and chain stores, showed signs of improving demand.

The retail industry was guardedly optimistic about the underlying trends in consumer demand. The Treasury admitted to disappointment but insisted consumer spending was still likely to meet the Chancellor's forecast of a 0.6 per cent rise in the second half of this year. James May, director general of the Retail Consortium, said he remained "cautiously optimistic for Christmas ahead of the anticipated recovery next year".

Last month's 0.5 per cent fall in retail volumes followed a 0.3 per cent rise in September and a 1.1 per cent decline in August, resulting in a three-month average 0.3 per cent down on the previous three months. The Retail Consortium said, however, that more meaningful comparisons could be made with the industry's performance a year ago. On this basis, the trend appeared more encouraging. October's retail volumes showed no change on the previous year, while September was 0.5 per cent down and August 2 per cent lower.

The Retail Consortium, which conducts its own analysis of retailing trends, separately from the Central Statistical Office (CSO), said furniture, carpets, electrical appliances and other household goods continued to suffer from the depressed housing market. Food and drink retailers had "little or no volume gain", in contrast to their relatively buoyant performance in the depths of the recession. By contrast, do-it-yourself stores enjoyed their "best month in a long time", and clothing and footwear achieved "widespread gains". Video and recorded music sales were also strong and the health and beauty sector performed satisfactorily.

Other figures out today showed a public sector debt repayment of £2.1 billion in October, lower than City estimates of about £2.4 billion. The government always enjoys a surplus in October because of the timing of tax receipts.

The public sector borrowing requirement for the first seven months of the financial year has been £8.7 billion, compared with the Treasury forecast of £10.5 billion for the year as a whole.

Payout held at BET

By Martin Waller

SHARES in BET, the battered business services group, ended 5p higher at 212p against the market trend as the group announced a maintained dividend along with a sharp drop in interim profits to August 31.

At the taxable level these fell from £137.2 million to £71.5 million, and earnings per share were down from 11.7p to 5.8p. The dividend, however, is held at 4.25p.

John Clark, chief executive since April, said there had been a "significant improvement in cash generation" at BET. He saw no sign of an upturn in any of BET's markets, however, even in areas such as temporary employment and plant services, traditional indicators of economic recovery.

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Fraud office looks into Maxwell loans

By Angela Mackay

THE Serious Fraud Office has begun an enquiry into a £55 million loan from Swiss Bank Corp to a subsidiary of Headington Investments, a private company belonging to the Maxwell family.

A spokesman for the Maxwell family said last night: "We are not aware of any investigation nor do we consider there are any grounds to justify any such investigation". On BBC radio yesterday, Kevin Maxwell, the new chairman of Maxwell Communication Corp, said he had not been contacted in regard to the matter.

The loan, made to Adviser 188 Ltd in July to buy First Tokyo Investment Trust, a concern specialising in Japanese equities, was secured against Japanese shares. These had allegedly been lent by First Tokyo before the take-over to companies controlled by the late Robert Maxwell.

Swiss Bank passed documents to the City of London police last week who in turn gave them to the SFO because the amounts involved exceeded the unofficial levels the police prefer to investigate. The SFO said it would carry out its investigation with City of London police officers.

Other banks that have lent money to private Maxwell companies refused to comment on the SFO announcement. National Westminster Bank and Lloyds Bank said they were watching developments but would not reveal whether they had changed tack on dealing with the family's debt, mostly secured against shares in MCC and Mirror Group Newspapers. MCC shares fell 4p to 60p and Mirror Group 1p to 117p.

France twists EC electronics accord

From Tom Walker
in Brussels

EC industry ministers agreed a framework for developing European consumer electronics that France claims allows it to continue pumping billions of francs into loss-making companies.

Other member states, however, including Britain, interpret the text differently and there is likely to be a clash between the European Commission and the French government, which wants to inject Fr4 billion into Bull, the state-owned computer-maker, over the next two years.

The agreement, according to Dominique Strauss-Kahn, France's industry minister, "allows help from the state when profitability isn't immediate". Bull made a loss of Fr6.8 billion in 1990. As well as the direct capital infusions planned for Bull, France has announced a Fr14 billion research and development programme for the consumer electronics sector lasting until 1994. It probably cannot be challenged by Brussels because competition policy does not rule out such grants.

The one concession made to Britain in the new framework is a specific mention of consumers for the first time. Critics of EC industrial policy say they have been ignored in the past. The framework says research and development programmes should be focused on vital technology "and its application for users". Previous R&D efforts sponsored by the commission, notably in high-definition television, have failed to consider the consumer.

A commission source said a final decision on the Bull aid would probably be made early next year. The French government has promised Bull Fr2 billion for the next two years and another Fr1.5 billion for last year.

A British official described the agreed text as "a lightly worded agreement" that "doesn't allow the commission to do anything very aggressive".

M Strauss-Kahn said that a joint development of semiconductor technology agreed yesterday between Philips of The Netherlands and France's Thomson epitomised the spirit of the framework, which promotes co-operation between companies in the sector.

The two companies will make chips at a factory at Crolle, near Grenoble. "It's the most advanced factory in the western world and equal to anything in Japan," the French minister said. He added that it was "vital" that EC companies should continue to obtain their chips in Europe, rather than Japan or America.

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THE POUND

US dollar	1.7962 (+0.0275)
German mark	2.8811 (−0.0143)
Exchange index	91.3 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share	1914.9 (−33.7)
FT-SE 100	2502.9 (−43.7)
New York Dow Jones	2955.95 (+12.75)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge	23400.12 (−699.06)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆%
US Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 4¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.57-4.56%*
30-year bonds 101²⁷⁄₃₂-101⅞*

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£: DM2 8794	$: DM1.6065*
£: SwFr2 5574	$: SwFr1.4263*
£: FFr9.8608	$: FFr5.4920*
£: Yen231.79	$: Yen129.32*
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London forex market close

GOLD

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close $360.60-361.10 (£201.00-201.50)
New York:
Comex $361.15-361.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) .... $21.40 bbl ($21.65)

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RPI: 135 1 October (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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Diploma to make higher payout

By Martin Waller

THE deepening recession sent pre-tax profits at Diploma, the electronic and building components business, down from £19 million to £14.5 million in the year to end-September, but the group is paying a modest increase in the final dividend as a reflection of a positive cash flow and its confidence in the future.

A 6.5p final payment, against 6.25p, increases the total from 8.5p to 8.75p, despite what Christopher Thomas, the Diploma chairman, described as "a very harsh recession and in certain sectors, particularly engineering, quite the worse conditions for over 20 years".

All of Diploma's three main business sectors experienced declining profits. Electronics fell 19 per cent and building components 16 per cent, both making £6.2 million each at *the pre-tax level, while the fall* in special steels was even more dramatic, of 55 per cent to £1.6 million.

Mr Thomas said that the group's cash flow continued to be positive despite the inclusion of two years' payment of corporation tax for three large subsidiaries, and cash balances after the sale of a majority interest in The Access Group were at £26.5 million.

Turnover in the electronic components business reflected conditions in that sector as a whole, with static demand resulting in a 13 per cent fall in prices during the year, and Mr Thomas added that some industry estimates had suggested that the market had fallen by between 10 per cent and 15 per cent at the distribution level.

In the housebuilding sector, every optimistic sign or expectation had been dashed, he said, but the IG business had still substantially outperformed the materials supply sector and finished the year ahead in terms of operating profits.

Diploma shares ended 1p ahead at 291p.

Staff cuts and provisions hit BAA half-time profits

By Colin Campbell

PROPERTY provisions and redundancy costs at BAA, the airports operator, contributed to a fall in profits to £151 *million, from £205 million,* in the six months to end-September. The interim dividend was raised from 5.25p to 5.75p a share, while BAA shares rose from 22p to 476p.

The results reflected a £30.5 million provision against property assets and a £24 million charge for redundancy costs. Dr Brian Smith, the chairman, said there had also been a 6.3 per cent fall in passenger numbers because of the Gulf war and the recession, but that traffic in October had improved. In the medium to long term, BAA still expected average traffic growth to return to the normal 4 to 5 per cent rate, with a return to profit growth likely in 1992-3, he added.

BAA welcomed the Civil Aviation Authority's revised price formula for traffic charges at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports as a basis from which to continue BAA's growth.

Expecting a 1992 growth take-off: Dr Brian Smith (left) and Sir John Egan, of BAA

Sir John Egan, chief executive, said there was now no longer a 7 per cent ceiling on investment, and BAA had the incentive to make profitable investment in new airport capacity. He added that a further 1,400 jobs would be shed through voluntary redundancy in the next few months. In March, the group announced 400 job losses. The workforce of 9,500 was expected to be down to 8,000 by the March 30 year-end, with annual savings of £20 million on overheads eventually expected.

BAA said that ADT, the security group headed by Michael Ashcroft, was no longer a shareholder on BAA's register. ADT had held a 3.4 per cent stake until "fairly recently".

Talks with British Rail about the financing of a £235 *million Heathrow Express* railway link are continuing.

Captial expenditure at airports totalled £131 million. By the mid-Nineties, this is expected to be between £400 million and £500 million.

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Life sales defy slump

By Sara McConnell

SALES of life assurance and pensions policies defied the recession in the last quarter, with annual premium business rising 10 per cent on the *same period of 1990 to £776* million and single premium business increasing by 55 per cent to £2,875 million.

Figures published yesterday by the Association of British Insurers (ABI) show single premium life business rose 63 per cent to £1,819 million. *Annual premium business* increased by 8 per cent to £511 million, personal pension annual premium business by 15 per cent to £265 million and single premium business 43 per cent to £1,056 million.

Sales of unit linked life and pensions policies were down on this time last year. The ABI said this was because "investors have still not regained complete confidence in stock market investments". Unit linked life business was down 2 per cent last quarter over this time last year from £178 million to £175 million, while unit linked pension business was down 7 per cent from £136 million to £126 million.

Rebates from the social security department to people contracted out of the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps) fell 43 per cent over the quarter form £169 million to £97 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TI reports rise of 77% in company failures

COMPANY failures are continuing to rise, according to Trade Indemnity (TI). The credit insurance group recorded 2,100 business failures in the third quarter of the year, 7 per cent higher than the second quarter, and 77 per cent more than the same period last year. TI says any upturn in economic activity is unlikely until the first quarter of next year and it forecasts no significant fall in the figures for *another 18 months.*

Three of the seven sectors in the survey — chemicals, textiles and services — showed a fall in insolvencies between the second and third quarters. Engineering, however, saw a 30 per cent rise to 499 failures while building and construction remains the worst sector with 606.

BP swaps N Sea stake

BP EXPLORATION has swapped its 51 per cent share of the three blocks covering the Angus field in the North Sea for Amerada Hess's 11.33 per cent stake in the undeveloped Ross field.

Amerada, operator of Angus, with an existing 42.92 per cent interest, thus emerges with 93.92 per cent of the 7.5 million barrel field, with Premier Consolidated Oilfields holding the balance. Annex B approval to develop the Angus field was granted yesterday. The first oil is expected next month.

ASB board changes

LAWRENCE Barnett, chairman of ASB Barnett Kinnings, the accountancy and executive selection consultancy, and Bob Holt, chief executive, have resigned. Alan Greenough, a former Doctus chief executive, will take over both roles.

ASB, which also reported a cut in interim pre-tax losses from £78,000 to £35,000 in the six months to end-June, is *raising £775,000 via a placing and open offer of new shares* on a two-for-one basis at 5p each. Existing shares fell 2p to 9p.

Danka raises payout

A CONFIDENT trading statement accompanied interim figures to September 30 from Danka Business Systems, the London-quoted American business equipment supplier. Pre-tax profits rose from £4.65 million to £5.28 million.

Mark Vaughan-Lee, chairman, said subsequent trading had been up on the equivalent first-half period, and recession seemed to be lessening. The interim dividend goes up from 1p to 1.25p.

Anglo Irish rises 6%

A RISE in bad debts has failed to halt the growth of Anglo Irish Bank, the small Dublin bank, which increased profits by 6 per cent to Ir£6.52 million (£6 million) in the year to end-September.

Most of the growth came from the Irish operations. Overall, the bank's assets grew by 33 per cent to Ir£765 million. The final dividend is being held at Ir2p a share, to make Ir3.36p for the year.

Morgan buys in US

MORGAN Crucible, as reported in *The Times* on October 28, has bought three companies in America for a total outlay of $55.4 million.

They are Wesgo, which serves the electrical and aerospace industries, for $39 million; Carbon Technologies of Rhode Island, manufacturer of carbon and graphite components, for $10.1 million; and Fulmer Company of Pennsylvania, maker of carbon brush holders, for $6.3 million.

ABF profit rise fails to prevent price fall

By Our City Staff

ASSOCIATED British Foods, the milling and baking group, increased profits from £304.8 million before tax to £332.4 million in the 12 months to September 30.

Trading profits were unexpectedly poor, however, and ABF's shares slipped from 455p to 439p.

British Sugar, acquired from Berisford International in January, made a maiden contribution of £98.3 million to trading profits of £243.4 million. Analysts said trading profits were £25 million below forecasts, but the shortfall was offset by net investment income of £89 million. Garry Weston, chairman, said margins in the British bakery operation remained under pressure because of sharp competition in a weak market.

For the extended 18-month period to September 14, ABF's pre-tax profit was £464.7 million. There is a third interim dividend of 4.5p a share, making 16.7p for the 18 months.

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SeaCon lifts ferry traffic share

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE introduction of SeaCat wave-piercing catamarans has enabled Sea Containers to lift its share of cross-Channel ferry traffic from Dover to Boulogne and Calais from 15 to 19 per cent since July, the company said yesterday.

The group, based in Bermuda and headed by James Sherwood, has won a franchise from the government of British Columbia, Canada, to operate a SeaCat service between Seattle and Victoria starting next year.

The Canadian franchise was announced alongside pre-tax earnings for the nine months to end September of $33 million. Last year, Sea Containers' earnings during the same period amounted to $343 million, but the result was bolstered by $290 million of profits on the sale of some ferry services to Stena of Sweden and part of the container business to Tiphook.

Talks over increased cooperation with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, where Sea Containers owns 41 per cent, are continuing under a stand-still agreement which expires on January 23. Sea Containers said it may be prepared not to renew its takeover bid if the outcome is satisfactory.

Sherwood: Canadian deal

American market fall hits profits at Sedgwick Group

By Neil Bennett

THE worsening recession in the American insurance market and a weak dollar have caused another profit fall at Sedgwick Group, Britain's largest insurance broker.

Pre-tax profits in the nine months to the end of September fell by £4.5 million to £74 million due to a 3 per cent fall in revenue to £516 million. The fall in the dollar reduced profits by £5.6 million. At constant exchange rates, profits would have increased by 2 per cent. There is, as usual, no third-quarter dividend.

The main reason for the group's poor performance was a sharp fall in insurance rates in America. Stuart Tarrant, the finance director, said that commercial casualty and property rates fell by between 5 per cent and 10 per cent during the quarter while many commentators had expected a modest improvement.

Mr Tarrant said that other large insurance brokers had also suffered during the period. "Leading underwriters are still pricing their products too low and are experiencing underwriting losses. There are no signs that the market will go upwards," he said.

More than half of the Sedgwick Group's business comes from North America, while 67 per cent of its income is dollar-denominated. Julianne Jessup, an insurance analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said there may be no recovery in the American insurance market until the end of next year at the earliest.

Sedgwick Group has coped with the fall in revenue by controlling costs. Group expenses fell 2 per cent to £436 million in the nine month period due to a reorganisation, and Mr Tarrant said staff numbers would continue to fall.

Income also fell at EW Payne, the group's London reinsurance subsidiary, due to a slump in underwriting capacity.

The problems in America concealed good performances from Sedgwick James, the British retail broker, where revenue increased by 15 per cent, and Sedgwick Financial Services, which grew 16 per cent.

UniChem to supply Savory and Moore

By Martin Barrow

UNICHEM, the drugs wholesaler, has been named as the principal supplier to Macarthy's Savory and Moore chemists' chain. UniChem succeeds Medicopharma, of Sweden, which withdrew from the British market this month.

The appointment of UniChem, after a competitive tender, complicates the task of the monopolies commission, which is investigating the potential impact of takeover bids by UniChem and Lloyds Chemists for Macarthy on the wholesale supply of ethical pharmaceutical products.

UniChem's success was also seen as a setback for AAH Holdings, its chief competitor, which secured much of Savory and Moore's business on an interim basis when Medicopharma left Britain. AAH shares fell 4p to 468p, while UniChem fell 1p to 183p.

Ian Parsons, chief executive of Macarthy, said: "We have used a number of suppliers since the demise of Medicopharma and have taken prompt action to put a formal arrangement in place.

"UniChem is a competitive and sound source of supply and our relationship will bring immediate and considerable added value to the group's operations. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed but the business is estimated to be worth £40 million a year.

The decision poses problems for the monopolies commission, which has until mid-January to decide whether to allow UniChem to renew its £75 million bid for Macarthy. The commission is also investigating an £80 million bid from Lloyds Chemists. A third bid by Grampian Holdings, cleared by the trade department, was later rejected by shareolders.

Dunhill interims slip

By Our City Staff

DUNHILL Holdings, the luxury goods group 56 per cent owned by Rothmans International, is raising its interim dividend despite its first profits setback in ten years.

Lord Douro, chairman, said the company had performed well in the six months to September 30, in view of the Gulf war and recession. The balance sheet remained strong. The dividend rises from 2.6p to 2.75p a share, though pre-tax profits fell from £33.6 million to £30.8 million, clipping net earnings from 12.4p to 11.5p a share.

Interest received on cash balances was higher but remains undisclosed at the interim stage. Turnover was £113.8 million (£118.6 million).

Dunhill shares fell 22p to 487p.

The shares of Rothmans International, which announces its own interim results on Thursday, fell 21p to £11.14.

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SG Warburg boosted by surge in UK cash calls

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE flood of rights issues from British companies and the rise in world stock markets this summer were a fillip for SG Warburg, the merchant bank. Pre-tax profits rose by 34 per cent to £89 million in the half year to September 30, after transfers to inner reserves.

Mercury Asset Management, Warburg's 75 per cent-owned investment management subsidiary, achieved a record pre-tax profit of £34 million, 35 per cent up, after the successful launch of its Japanese investment trust operation.

As a result, Warburg is increasing its interim dividend by 0.75p to 5.25p, while MAM's half-year payout rises 30 per cent to 6.5p.

Lord Cairns, Warburg's new chief executive, said the results were a lead indicator of economic recovery. "A combination of receptive markets together with problems thrown up by the recession has allowed us to offer financial solutions to our clients," he said.

During the six months, Warburg advised on rights issues worth £3.5 billion, 55 per cent of the total raised during the period. Customers included J Sainsbury, Granada, P&O and Argyll.

Warburg's large mergers and acquisitions team worked on 33 deals worth £6.8 billion during the half year. These included the flotation of Irish Life in Ireland, the privatisation of Thai International Airways and Poland's privatisation programme. Recently, the bank has been advising Hawker Siddeley on its defence against BTR's £1.5 billion bid. Profits also rose in the bank's equity and money market trading departments.

In the second half, Warburg's figures will be dominated by the government's £5 billion sale of BT shares, where it is acting as both adviser and global co-ordinator.

In the past year, MAM has sold ten bond funds in Japan, worth £900 million, after winning an investment trust licence. That contributed to a 9 per cent rise in funds under management to more than £40 billion. The asset manager's shares have quadrupled in price since they were floated four years ago.

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TIM BISHOP

Moving into new market areas: Lord King and Oliver Whitehead yesterday

Babcock Group beats recession to halfway £24m

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT

BABCOCK International Group, the process contractor and heavy engineer chaired by Lord King, is continuing to make headway through the recession by spreading its order book into new markets and taking smaller contracts.

Pre-tax profits rose 10.9 per cent £23.7 million in the six months to end September on turnover up 17.9 per cent to £415 million and earnings increased by 10.7 per cent to 3.32p per share. Babcock shares gained 2½p to 61½p against a falling market.

The interim dividend has been increased 4.2 per cent to 1.25p per share. Lord King said this was intended as a positive signal, reflecting current profits confidence in immediate prospects.

The energy and manufacturing division, centred on the heavily modernised Renfrew factory complex in Scotland, raised profits from £7.2 million to £8.3 million. Turnover was £124 million against £74 million, reflecting work at the Sizewell nuclear station and the £300 million six-year Drax flue gas desulphurisation contract, now halfway through.

Process plant contracting increased profits from £4.3 million to £5.1 million. Babcock's German operations, now looming larger in expansion plans, raised profits from £1.8 million to £2.4 million. African operations produced slightly lower profits of £5 million and the Rosyth dockyard management contract delivered profits of £4.2 million, against £4.9 million.

Babcock has made several modest acquisitions in water engineering, railway carriage refurbishment and materials handling machinery, which Oliver Whitehead, chief executive, said was to spread its markets. Further purchases are likely, partly to increase the 20 per cent of the business now in manufacturing.

Orders are slightly down at about £700 million, enough to keep Germany fully occupied next year and Renfrew 60 per cent occupied, but are now typically about £2.5 million.

Scapa bids for Sweden's Scandiafelt

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

SCAPA Group, which produces specialist fabrics for the paper and packaging industries, has launched a takeover bid for Scandiafelt, a Swedish company, for Kr370 million (£34.9 million).

The offer has already been accepted by shareholders with 61 per cent of Scandiafelt's stock but is conditional on acceptance by at least 90 per cent and on approval by the Swedish authorities.

Scapa proposes to fund the acquisition from cash reserves. It raised £55.6 million in May through a rights issue. Scandiafelt would be Scapa's second big purchase this year. In August it bought Hewitt Machine, of America, for about $20 million.

The offer is also conditional on the sale of some of Scandiafelt's businesses, including the metalworking division and various property interests.

Scandiafelt is quoted on the over-the-counter market in Stockholm and produces engineered fabrics for the paper industry. Last year, it made pre-tax profit of Kr27 million on sales of Kr540.9 million.

Clowes became 'marked man'

By OUR CITY STAFF

PETER Clowes, the former investment chief, was convinced he had become a "marked man" and that the City establishment had "got its knife into him" after he gave prosecution evidence in a trial, an Old Bailey jury heard.

Anthony Hacking, QC, representing Mr Clowes on the first day of defence, said that "within days" of the Securities and Investments Board getting the necessary powers under the Financial Services Act, the establishment moved to close his companies down. He said the 1985 Old Bailey trial involved the collapse of a firm.

On that occasion, Mr Clowes, appearing as a Crown witness, said the City practice of "stock lending" was a "grey area". The defendants in the case were eventually acquitted. Yesterday, Mr Hacking said: "Thereafter, Mr Clowes believed, rightly or wrongly, that he became a marked man in the City and that his face and north country accent did not fit." Mr Clowes believed the City establishment "had got its knife into him".

Clowes: "face did not fit"

Mr Clowes, aged 50, of Whiteley Green, Wilmslow, Cheshire, denies nine charges under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958. Eight allege that he made false statements to induce investments from named individuals involving sums up to £400,000. On the ninth, Mr Clowes is jointly charged with Peter Naylor, aged 35, of Send, Surrey, and Guy von Cramer, aged 29, of Micklethwaite near Bradford, West Yorkshire. They have pleaded not guilty to conspiring between October 1, 1983, and November 25, 1987, to induce members of the public to enter investment schemes by making "misleading, false or deceptive" statements or promises.

The three men, with Christopher Newman, aged 37, a chartered accountant from Polstead, Suffolk, also variously deny a total of 11 theft charges involving nearly £17 million belonging to investors.

Mr Hacking said that whenever any of the thousands of investors, who entrusted their savings to Mr Clowes's investment schemes, wanted to withdraw their money, they were able to do so without any problems. They also received their monthly cheques regularly as promised.

The trial continues today.

Emap falls 28% after ads slump

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

EMAP, the publishing group whose titles include *Smash Hits*, *Q* and *More*, saw employment advertising in its newspapers drop by 50 per cent in the first half. The recession has led to a fall in interim pre-tax profits but Emap believes the worst is over. It is looking to a gradual recovery next spring.

A strong performance from the group's consumer magazines was unable to counter poor results from other divisions and pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September fell 27.7 per cent to £9.86 million on sales of £124 million, down 6 per cent. Earnings per share fell 26 per cent to 4.5p. The interim dividend is up 5 per cent, at 2p.

Consumer magazines, which make up the bulk of the group's profits, lifted operating profits by 9 per cent to £9.45 million. This division derives 60 per cent of its revenue from cover price and is not as vulnerable to the downturn in advertising as other parts of the group. In addition to the increase in cover prices, titles such as the teenage magazine *Big*, the film magazine *Empire* and *Choice*, the magazine for retired people, have seen a rapid growth in circulation.

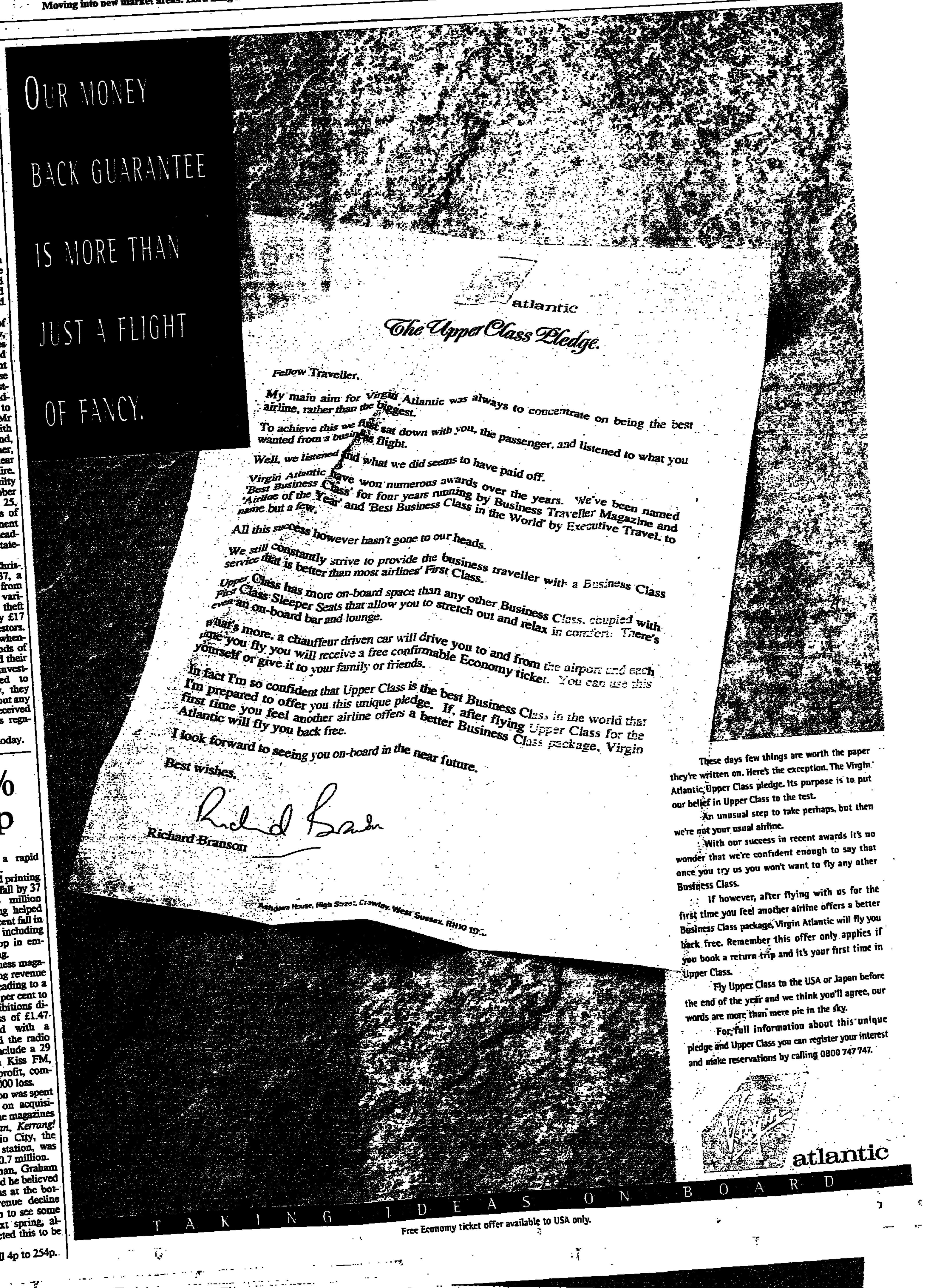
The newspaper and printing division saw profits fall by 37 per cent to £3.94 million although cost cutting helped to mitigate a 14 per cent fall in advertising revenue, including the 50 per cent drop in employment advertising.

The group's business magazines saw advertising revenue drop 18 per cent, leading to a fall in profits of 54 per cent to £108,000. The exhibitions division made a loss of £1.47 million, compared with a £57,000 profit and the radio interests, which include a 29 per cent stake in Kiss FM, made a £38,000 profit, compared with a £99,000 loss.

Some £32 million was spent in the first half on acquisitions, including the magazines *Car*, *New Woman*, *Kerrang!* and *Select*. Radio City, the Liverpool radio station, was purchased for £10.7 million.

Emap's chairman, Graham Ross-Russell, said he believed the company was at the bottom of the revenue decline and would begin to see some recovery by next spring, although he expected this to be slow.

The shares fell 4p to 254p.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Chamberlin & Hill falls to £581,000

Chamberlin & Hill, the iron castings to switchgear group, saw pre-tax profits fall from £876,000 to £581,000 in the six months to end-September. Turnover fell from £9.47 million to £9.04 million. Earnings per share fell from 8.11p to 5.44p and the interim dividend has been held at 1.75p. The shares were unchanged at 95p.

Trust advances

British Empire Securities Trust's net asset value rose from 52.53p a share to 64.54p in the year to end-October. Pretax profits were £1.8 million, against £1.5 million. The final dividend is 0.61p, making 0.86p for the year, against 0.78p a share.

Dividend rises

Glasgow Income Trust raised its net asset value from 37.64p a share to 46.96p in the year to end-September 1991, and lifted pretax profits from £1.2 million to £1.3 million. The final dividend is 1.4p, making 3.2p for the year, against 3.15p.

Asset value up

The net asset value of F&C Eurotrust rose from 137.3p a share to 158.8p in the year to end-September. Pretax profits went from £1.2 million to £1.4 million. The dividend rises from 1.12p a share to 1.18p.

Oglesby ahead

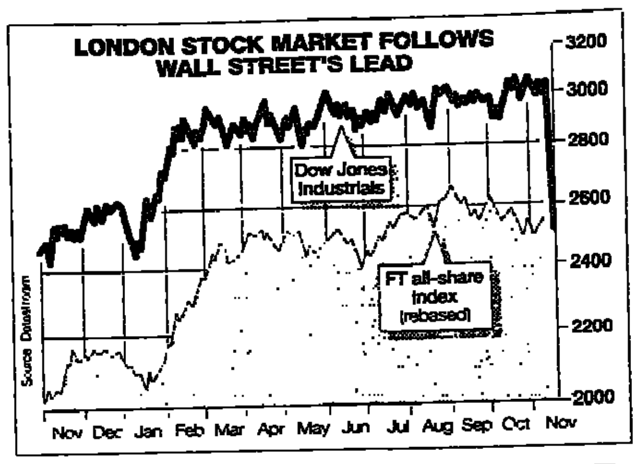
Oglesby & Butler Group, the Irish manufacturer of soldering irons, lifted taxable profits from Ir£11,000 (£10,138) to Ir£164,000 in the half-year to end-September There is again no interim dividend.

MTM buys

MTM, the specialist chemicals group, is buying John Ross (Chemicals) for £2.5 million.

STOCK MARKET

Early markdown deters sellers and checks the rate of descent



THE rout that had been widely forecast for share prices in London, following Friday's 120-point collapse in the Dow Jones average, turned out instead to be an orderly retreat.

Dealers in London once again kept their heads, while those in New York and Tokyo seemed on the verge of losing theirs. As in the case of both the 1987 and 1989 crashes, the sudden collapse in share values on Wall Street occurred in late trading on Friday, giving traders in London the weekend to ponder events and work out a strategy.

Once again market-makers took the initiative, deciding that a short, sharp shock was the best strategy by marking prices savagely lower to deter sellers and limit the damage longer term. Once again, it has paid dividends. The FT-SE 100 index almost halved an early fall of 82.5 to end the session 43.7 lower at 2,502.9, as the Dow Jones managed to recover some composure after a nervous start.

Steetley, the building products group, is regarded in certain quarters as just another share being ramped by speculators. But its recent performance and the high turnover suggest otherwise. The price clawed back an early 11p fall to finish 5p higher at 328p as 1.3 million shares changed hands.

Trading remained thin with only 502 million shares changing hands. There were a few sellers first thing, but it seems that investors were buyers for choice with most fund managers hoping to take advantage of the dramatic falls.

London has not seen the kind of recent support enjoyed by Wall Street, leaving investors with few profits left to take.

Government securities attracted selective support closing with gains of £¼ at the longer end of the market despite fading hopes for an early cut in bank base rates.

Leading companies with international links bore the brunt of the markdown. Those with big dollar earnings and American shareholders were particularly vulnerable. Falls occurred in **Glaxo** 51p to 795p, **ICI** 10p to £12.08, after £11.75, **Reuters** 29p to 874p, and **Grand Met** 22p to 839p.

British Telecom fell 7p to 357p. Brokers felt the setback for the shares was unlikely to make much difference to the government's sell-off of part of its remaining stake. The issue has still to be priced and this will not be completed until after foreign investors have tendered for stock at the end of the month. The privatisation stocks were marked lower but attracted buyers at the lower levels.

Of the water companies, **Anglia** fell 11p to 360p, **Northumbrian** 5p to 373p, **North West** 11p to 352p, **Severn Trent** 9p to 322p, **Southern** 8p to 318p, **South West** 9p to 322p, **Thames** 10p to 345p, **Welsh** 7p to 374p, **Wessex** 9p to 387p, and **Yorkshire** 10p to 365p.

The electricity companies closed above their worst levels. **Eastern** eased 1p to 241p, **East Midland** 4p to 243p, **London** 4p to 242p, **Midland** 6p to 251p, **Northern** 5p to 256p, **Norweb** 2p to 266p, **Seeboard** 8p to 255p, **Southern** 6p to 245p, **South Wales** 8p to 303p, **South Western** 5p to 245p, and **Yorkshire** 5p to 285p. **National Power** closed 2p down at 148p, **PowerGen** 2½p to 155½p, **Scottish Hydro** 1p to 104p, and **Scottish Power** 1p to 101p.

The latest retail sales data disappointed and caused further anxiety about the economy. Spending fell by 0.5 per cent in October, with most analysts forecasting a rise.

The fall also hit the retailers, some of which have recently reported signs of a pick-up in spending. **Argos** fell 6p to 313p, **Laura Ashley** 4p to 97p, **Dixons** 12p to 225p, **Kingfisher** 10p to 438p, **Marks and Spencer** 3p to 291p, **John Menzies** 7p to 435p, **Next** 2½p to 62p, **Ratners** 2p to 47p, **WH Smith A** 8p to 473p, **Storehouse** 5p to 95p, **Stylo** 6p to 201p and **Great Universal Stores A** 10p to £12.63.

The retail sales figures also showed a surprise drop in sales of food and drink. This left **Asda** 3p lower at 40p, **Argyll** 11p at 266p, **Kwik Save** 13p at 557p, **J Sainsbury** 12p at 335p and **Tesco** 5p at 221p.

Associated British Foods failed to make much impression with figures for an 18-month period. Pre-tax profits on an adjusted basis were up from £304.8 million to £332.4 million. Shareholders' funds were reduced by writedowns relating to Berisford International and British Sugar.

Speculation about a bid for Dowty, the aerospace group, seems to be intensifying. On a day when the rest of the market was on the slide, Dowty shares recovered from a 10p fall to finish 5p up at 180p. TI Group, down 20p at 566p, continues to be mentioned as the likely suitor.

There were few gains among the top 100 companies. **BAA**, the independent airport operator, recovered an early fall to finish 18p better at 472p after reporting a dip in half-year pre-tax profits of £54 million to £151 million. Details of the new pricing policy laid down by the Civil Aviation Authority revived the share price. The policy dictates how much the airports can charge the airlines for the use of their facilities, and turned out to be less restrictive than most City experts had anticipated.

Another gain came from **BET**, the industrial services group, although half-year figures made grim reading with pre-tax profits dropping from £137.2 million to £23.7 million following a series of hefty provisions. The City had feared worse. After touching 195p, the price later rallied to close 5p ahead at 212p.

British Airways, which reported last week and announced it was on the road to recovery, slipped 2p to 215p.

SG Warburg, the merchant bank and securities house, touched 542p before recovering to close a net 9p lower on the day at 554p after a strong first-half performance. Pre-tax profits were £22.7 million ahead at £89 million, attributed to a pick-up in stockmarket and corporate activity. **Mercury Asset Management**, its fund management arm, fell 8p to 905p after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits at the half-way stage of £8.8 million at £34 million.

Babcock International, the engineer, firmed 1p to 60p after a rise of £2.4 million in interim pre-tax profits to £23.7 million and a maintained dividend.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Dow struggles in morning dealings

New York — Shares struggled to firmer ground but investors, still shaky after Friday's late dive, continued to shun the broad market. The Dow Jones industrial average stood 6.26 points up, at 2,949.46, by late morning. Declining shares led advancing shares by more than two to one.

Samuel Hallowell, at Van Lieu Capital, said: "I suspect the market will churn, moving positive to negative. The Dow is strong but the vast majority of securities are down."

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares moved sharply lower and the 225-share Nikkei average closed down 699.06 points, or 2.9 per cent, at 23,400.12. Yuichi Matsushita, of Nikko Securities, said: "Everything was based on the bad news on Wall Street. There was some arbitrage and index buying while the market declined."

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares plunged 120 points but recovered later. The Hang Seng index closed 73.13 points down at 4,198.21. Turnover was HK$2.51 billion (£183 million).

	Nov 18 midday	Nov 15 close
AMP Inc	52¼	52⅞
AMR Corp	59½	60⅝
Abbott Labs	57⅞	57¾
Aetna Life	38⅛	38½
Ahmanson (HF)	15¼	15¾
Air Prod & Chem	67	68½
Alberson's	37⅛	37⅞
Alcan Aluminum	20⅝	20⅞
Alco Standard	33⅞	34
Allied Signal	40⅞	40⅝
Alum Co of Am	60	59⅝
Amax	19⅛	19⅞
Amerada Hess	52½	53⅞
Amer Brands	40¼	40½
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Ashland Oil	29½	29⅝
Atl Richfield	114	114
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Bank of NY	30½	31
Bankers Tr NY	64⅝	64⅞
Barnett Bks Fl	31½	32
Bausch & Lomb	48⅝	48⅞
Baxter Intl	36⅜	35
Bectn Dickinson	62⅞	64
Bell Atlantic	45⅞	45⅛
BellSouth	47¼	47½
Black & Decker	16⅜	16⅝
Block (H&R)	33⅜	33⅜
Boeing	45¼	45⅜
Boise Cascade	25⅝	25¼
Borden Inc	30⅝	30¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	81¼	81
Browning Ferris	17¼	17⅛
Burlington Nthn	36⅝	37
CBS	147⅞	148¾
CNA Financial	94½	96
CPC Intl	81½	82⅞
CSX	53⅜	54¼
Campbell Soup	76⅜	77⅞
Can Pacific	16⅝	16¾
Cpd Cities ABC	398⅝	402½
Cpd Holdings	50½	50⅞
Carolina Pwr	49	49⅝
Caterpillar	43⅞	44⅛
Central & SW	50⅞	50⅝
Champion Intl	24⅝	25
Chase Manhat	17¼	16⅝
Chemical Bk	23½	23⅞
Chevron Corp	70¼	69
Chrysler	12⅜	12⅜
Chubb Corp	67⅞	68⅞
Cigna Corp	53⅜	55⅞
Citicorp	10⅝	10⅝
Clorox	39½	39⅞
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	65¾	64¾
Colgate Palm	41⅜	42
Columbia Gas	18⅝	18⅝
Commonw Ed	41⅜	41⅞
Compaq Comp	24⅝	24⅜
Comp Ass Intl	9½	9⅝
Conagra	45	45⅞
Cons Edison	25⅛	25⅜
Cons Nat Gas	42⅞	43⅝
Cons Rail	75	77
Cooper Inds	52¾	53½
Corning Inc	74½	74½
Crown Cork	88⅞	89¼
Dana Corp	27⅞	26⅞
Dayton Hudson	61⅛	60⅝
Deere	51	52
Delta Air Lines	59⅜	59⅞
Deluxe Corp	38⅞	39
Detroit Edison	33½	33⅝
Digital Equip	61⅞	61
Dillard Dept St	127	127⅜
Disney (Walt)	108½	109
Dominion Res	56	56⅝
Donnelley (RR)	46¼	46⅝
Dover Corp	35⅜	35½
Dow Chemicals	50⅝	49⅝
Dow Jones	22¼	23¼
Dresser	19⅝	19⅝
Duke Power	30⅞	31
Dun & Brdstreet	48	48⅝
Du Pont	45¼	44⅞
Eastman Kodak	47⅛	46¼
Eaton Corp	60	61⅛

	Nov 18 midday	Nov 15 close
Emerson Elec	48½	49⅞
Enron Corp	73¾	74¼
Entergy Corp	28⅞	28⅛
Ethyl Corp	26	26⅛
Exxon	57⅜	57¼
FMC Corp	46⅜	46¾
FPL Group	34⅝	34¾
Federal Express	36⅝	36½
Fed Nat Mtge	56⅞	56¼
First Chicago	25	25
First Interstate	27⅝	28½
First Union Rlty	7⅞	7⅞
FleetNorstar	21⅞	22¾
Fluor Corp	38⅜	37⅞
Ford Motor	25¼	25⅛
GTE Corp	32	32⅞
Gannett	39⅞	39½
Gap Inc Del	49½	48¾
Gen Cinema	18⅝	17¾
Gen Dynamics	49⅝	50⅝
Gen Electric	68	67⅞
Gen Mills	66¼	65½
Gen Motors	31¾	31½
Gen Reinsurance	91¾	91
Gen Signal	50⅝	51⅛
Genuine Parts	43⅞	43⅞
Georgia Pac	48	49¾
Gillette	43⅞	43⅜
Goodrich (BF)	40⅝	40⅞
Goodyear Tire	47½	48¼
Grace (W&R)	38⅝	38⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28	27½
Great Wstn Fin	15⅝	15¼
Halliburton	33⅜	33⅞
Heinz (HJ)	38⅛	38½
Hercules	42	42⅝
Hershey Foods	41⅛	41⅞
Hewlett Packard	47	47⅝
Hilton Hotels	39⅞	39¾
Home Depot	56	57⅞
Homestake	15⅞	15⅝
Honeywell	58⅞	59⅞
Household Intl	44	44
Houston Inds	39⅛	39⅜
Humana	23	23⅞
ITT Corp	55	56
Illinois Tool	62⅞	63½
INCO	31⅜	31⅜
Ingersoll Rand	48⅝	49⅞
Inland Steel	19⅝	19½
Intel Corp	41¼	41
IBM	97½	96¼
Intl Flav & Fr	90⅞	91
Intl Paper	71⅜	71
James River Va	20⅝	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	93⅜	94¼
K Mart	41⅜	41⅜
Kellogg	104½	105⅛
Kerr-McGee	40⅝	41½
Kimberly-Clark	92⅞	93⅜
Knight-Ridder	47⅞	49⅞
Lilly (Eli)	73⅞	75
Limited Inc	24⅝	25⅛
LIN Brdcstng	66¼	67¾
Lincoln Nat	51¼	52⅞
Litton	84½	83¾
Liz Claiborne	37⅞	38
Lockheed Corp	44	44⅝
Louisiana Pac	37⅞	37¼
MCI Commun	26⅞	27
Manuf Hanover	26¼	26½
Marriott	17	17⅜
Marsh & McLen	73	73½
Martin Marietta	54½	54⅝
Masco Corp	22⅝	22⅝
May Dept St	52⅞	53
Maytag Corp	14⅛	14⅞
McDonalds	34⅝	34⅝
McDonnell D	73⅝	74¾
McGraw Hill	54⅞	54¾
Mead Corp	32⅞	32⅞
Medtronic	76⅝	78⅛
Mellon Bk	35½	36¼
Melville Corp	42½	43
Merck Inc	137⅞	137
Merrill Lynch	52⅞	54½
Minnesota Mine	88½	88
Mobil Corp	68⅝	67½
Monsanto	64	64½
Morgan (JP)	62⅞	63⅞
Motorola Inc	61⅞	60⅞
Natl Medical	14¼	14⅛
Natl Semi	5⅝	5¾
Natl Service Ind	20⅝	20¾
Navistar Int	2⅞	2¾
NBD Bancorp	42⅞	42⅞
NCNB Corp	37	38⅝
NY Times A	19	19½
Newmont Mng	38⅞	39
Niag Mohawk	17	16⅝
Nike B	57⅞	57¾
NL Industries	10⅝	10⅛
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	57	58
Nthn State Pwr	41⅛	41⅞
Norwest Corp	32	32
Nynex Corp	75¼	75⅝
Occidental Pet	20½	19⅞
Ohio Edison	19⅝	20
Oracle Systems	13⅞	13¾

	Nov 18 midday	Nov 15 close
Oryx Energy Co	29½	29
PNC Financial	43¾	44⅛
PPG Industries	47⅞	47½
Paccar Inc	46⅝	47½
Pacificorp	23¼	23⅝
Pac Enterprises	23⅞	24
Pac Gas & Elect	30	30⅝
Pac Telesis	41⅛	42
Pall Corp	36¼	37⅝
Panhandle East	14⅛	14½
Paramount Comm	39⅝	40
Parker Hannifin	29½	29⅞
Penney (JC)	51¾	51
Pennzoil	59	59⅞
Pepsico	29	28⅞
Pfizer	67⅞	67⅝
Phelps Dodge	73	74¼
Philadel Elec	22⅞	23⅜
Philip Morris	68½	68½
Phillips Pet	24⅛	24⅝
Pitney Bowes	58½	59½
Polaroid	27	27
Price Co	56⅛	56⅜
Primerica	34⅜	34⅜
Procter & Gmbl	82	81½
Pub Serv E & G	26⅛	27⅛
Quaker Oats	64½	64⅞
Ralston Purina	52¾	52
Raychem Corp	33	33⅜
Raytheon	79⅜	81⅞
Reebok Intl	29¼	30
Reynolds Metals	52⅛	52⅞
Roadway Srvcs	54½	55⅜
Rockwell Intl	25⅛	26⅛
Rohm & Haas	40⅞	41
Royal Dutch	81⅞	80⅝
Rubbermaid	60½	61¼
Safeco Corp	41⅜	42⅝
Salomon Inc	27⅛	28
Santa Fe S Pac	10⅞	10⅝
Sara Lee Corp	48	48⅝
Scecorp	44⅜	45
Schering Plough	60⅞	61½
Schlumberger	64⅛	64
Scott Paper	34⅝	35
Seagram	115⅞	116⅝
Sears Roebuck	35⅝	35⅝
Sec Pacific	29	29
Shell Trans	54	53⅜
Sherwin Wlms	23½	24¼
Skyline Corp	14⅞	14½
Snap-On-Tools	30	30½
Southern Co	30	29¾
Sthwestern Bell	58⅝	58¾
Stanley Works	37⅞	39
Sun Company	28¼	28⅛
Sun Microsys	23⅝	24⅛
Suntrust	35¼	35⅝
Super Valu	26⅞	26¼
Syntex Corp	41	41¼
Sysco Corp	40½	41
TRW Inc	36⅝	36⅝
Tandem Comp	10⅝	10½
Tandy Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Telecom Corp	1⅛	1
Teledyne	20¼	20¼
Temple Inland	47⅜	47⅜
Tenneco	34¼	34½
Texaco	62½	62⅞
Texas Inst	29¼	30⅝
Texas Utilities	39½	40
Textron	37¼	38
Time Warner	85⅞	86⅝
Times-Mirror	27⅛	28⅛
Timken	24¼	25
Torchmark	52⅞	53¼
Toys R Us	27⅞	27
Transamerica	39½	39¼
Travelers Corp	20⅞	20
Tribune	36¼	36
Tyco Labs	32⅞	32⅜
UAL Corp	125	127⅝
UST Inc	59¼	59¾
USX Marathon	28⅝	28⅞
Unilever NV	93⅝	93
Union Camp	47⅞	48½
Union Carbide	18⅞	18⅛
Union Pacific	48¼	48¼
Unisys Corp	4¼	4½
USAIR Group	9⅝	9¼
USF&G Corp	6½	6½
US Life	46	46⅝
US West	35	35¼
United Tech	47⅜	49½
Utd Telecomms	22⅞	22⅞
Unocal Corp	25	25
Upjohn	41¼	41¼
VF Corp	36¼	37⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	48⅝	47⅝
Warner-Lambert	69¼	70⅝
Waste Mngmnt	35⅜	36¼
Wells Fargo	60⅞	59⅝
Westinghouse El	16⅝	16½
Weyerhaeuser	24⅞	24⅞
Whirlpool	35⅝	36¼
Whitman	12⅞	12½
Winn Dixie	36¼	36⅝
Woolworth	26⅛	26¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	64½	64⅞
Xerox	62⅞	63

TEMPUS

Market relief as BAA puts the worst behind it

BAA yesterday cut its interim figures to the bone with hefty above-the-line provisions but ended the day with increased year-end forecasts. The market's relief, which sent the shares from 454p to 476p, stemmed from the Civil Aviation Authority's revised price formula — which analysts saw as a coup and BAA saw as a platform for growth.

BAA's headline pre-tax figure for the six months to September 30 was £151 million against £205 million, on revenues that were 4.7 per cent higher at £514 million. The interim setback included, however, a £30.5 million provision against property assets and £24 million for redundancy costs. Another £5 million in the second half for redundancy is likely. The half-time results also bear £28 million of interest charges. There were no interest or redundancy charges a year ago.

BAA's underlying performance at £233.5 million (£223.5 million) thus engendered a sigh of relief that things were not as bad as they had seemed: the increase in the interim dividend from 5.25p to 5.75p also helped.

BAA has taken £20 million out of its annual overheads bill, the benefits of which will be evident in two years, expects annual traffic growth to improve as the Gulf war effect diminishes and aims to clip gearing from 60 per cent to 50 per cent by the year-end.

Though airport charges, at 51 per cent, still represent the bulk of operational income, which totalled £514.3 million, the commercial element of BAA's profits is likely to increase.

If the worst is already past, underlying income of £279.5 million against £286.7 million is possible in the year to March 31, while pre-tax profits of £225 million against £247 million would not be as low as some had feared. On a prospective p/e of 13.9, the shares should be held.

BET

Clark: classic at BET

JOHN Clark is following the classic business textbook in turning round BET, including the advanced editions that feature tax dodges to minimise the impact of reorganisation on reported profits.

So the emphasis is on cash generation, the core business, tighter control of working capital and cutting unnecessary layers of management, along with new blood.

BET's 48 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £71.5 million would have looked far worse but for the decision to take a £90 million provision to cover losses on the implementation of a strategic review below the line. Mr Clark's rationale, that the profit from the sale of the Biffa waste management business was taken as an extraordinary item, will cut little ice with accountants, and it takes the shine off the new management's genuine achievements.

These include year-on-year debt reductions from £617.5 million to £203.5 million, helped by the £212 million sell-off of Biffa, and a remarkable £186 million swing over the same period in net operating cash flow, despite maintaining the interim dividend, which took the total payout to £75 million.

On the fair assumption that the total dividend is held, the shares yield a generous 8.4 per cent, which helps to explain BET's 5p rise to 212p in yesterday's markets. £160 million looks achievable this year, putting the shares on a future earnings multiple of 15.

Doubters rightly question the rate of recovery thereafter, however, given the tight control on spending being exerted in businesses that will need cash if they are to expand out of recession.

ABF

CHARTING the progress of Associated British Foods is not easy, not least because of the company's enigmatic approach to making relationships with investment analysts.

This time, not only must investors contend with a change of year end; there is also the maiden contribution from British Sugar, which has dramatically reshaped the group.

On the one hand, it has added a cash-generative business and reduced ABF's dependence on the cyclical milling and bread market; on the other hand, the £880 million purchase made substantial inroads into the legendary cash mountain, clipping back investment income.

The company provides figures for the 12 months to mid-September, its new year end, but no comparable results for the previous year. Trading profits of £243.4 million look less impressive without British Sugar's input of £98.3 million and would actually have been £15 million lower than in the last full financial year.

Net investment income of £89 million was higher than expected, but by this time next year, when lower interest rates take their toll on reduced cash balances of between £300 million and £400 million, the picture may not look so solid.

That said, ABF has done well to minimise any loss in margins in a bread market where zero inflation is the norm and volume growth is history. It is clear to see why British Sugar, where margin enhancement is more likely, was such a prized target.

Forecast profits of £345 million this year and earnings of 51.1p leave the shares on a prospective multiple of 8.6. Undemanding for the sector but the company is unlikely to do much to excite. A solid hold.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

BAA	476p (+22p)
News Corp	690p (+13p)
P Bilton	482p (+9p)

FALLS:

L Joseph	330p (−13p)
Schroders	1130p (−13p)
Grand Met	839p (−22p)
Bowater Inc	1162p (−43p)
CMB Packaging	1575p (−38p)
Capita Group	269p (−16p)
A Cohen	425p (−30p)
Dana	1493p (−18p)
Glaxo	794p (−51p)
Reuters	874p (−29p)
TI	566p (−20p)
Transfer Tech	321p (−12p)
Unidare	235p (−15p)
VSEL	453p (−12p)
Alex & Alex	1100p (−50p)
CE Heath	506p (−12p)
Ford Motor	1425p (−25p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Butte Mining Warrants	2½	...
Capital Ventures 1p	83	...
Culver 1p (4)	4½	...
Drayton Recovery Trust (100)	96	−2
Dumas Group 10p (25)	26	...
English & Scottish Warrants	19	−1
Eurotunnel SA 1991 Warrants	208	−15
Fidelity Euro Values Uts (500)	473	−7
Frost Group (235)	275	−5
JIB Group 10p (195)	210	−6
Latin American Extra Yld (587)	564	−6
M & G Income Inv Cap 1p (28)	18¾	...
M & G Income Inv Geared Units	62½	−½
M & G Income Inv Inc 1p (44)	44½	−½
M & G Inc Inv Package Uts (100)	97	−1½
Morgan Grenfell Equity Ut (500)	501	−4
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	44	...
Wills Group Warrants	2½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Eastern Plant N/P (33)	6	...
Brent Chemicals 10p N/P (120)	16	−4½
Brit Thornton 5p N/P (10)	¼	...
De La Rue N/P (350)	103	−6
Euro Motor 40p N/P (100)	18	−3
Lowe (Robert H.) 1p N/P (10)	1½	...
Molynx 20p N/P (88)	4	...
More O'Ferrall 10p N/P (215)	36	−2
PCT Group 10p N/P (125)	10	...

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COMMENT

No crash but no smiles at home

As potential stock market crashes go, the reaction to Friday's sudden 4 per cent fall in Wall Street share prices has so far been a routine affair. In Tokyo, shares dropped 3.2 per cent. As the global day's trading spread west, the reaction was diluted, continental Europe shedding 2.3 per cent and London 1.7 per cent, ending near the day's best as Wall Street came back without any sign of panic. Price movements in London were driven not by sellers but by the market-makers. They acted first to protect themselves and then to stimulate trading by real investors, who failed to appear in great numbers.

Sharp movements in one centre, especially New York, always invoke fears of a repeat of 1987, if not 1929. Big investors, who deal most, have since learned the difference between a break of international significance and a national market fall stemming from home events. In November 1991, there is no international imbalance of conflicting financial forces. America's tepid economic recovery is under threat and, although this may not have triggered Friday's technically based fall on Wall Street, the fear may yet lead to further weakness. For the rest of the world, America's tardy recovery will weaken economic recovery next year, as falling forecasts from the OECD suggested last week. For the dollar to fall against the yen and open further daylight for interest rate cuts, does not generally cut across the grain. The exception to this, via the ERM, is Britain.

Had London's markets not been pre-occupied with the global Mexican share price wave, they might have paid more attention to the retail sales figures, which might have justified half the fall. The missing link from economic recovery has been a return of consumer confidence expressed in high street spending. The sales statistic was expected to confirm anecdotal evidence of recovery with a useful rise in October sales. Instead they fell, *quarterly sales are still falling* and business is no better than in the dark days of a year ago. The trend is in the right direction, but there is no sign of recovery.

The dollar's weakness seems to remove one answer to this: a further cut in interest rates. The dollar fell mostly against the mark, pushing sterling below DM2.89 at the bottom of the ERM league. There was a theory that, under the ERM system, this helped an interest rate cut by lessening the risk of a further fall in the pound. This was based on the tactics employed by the French government. Unfortunately, the French found it did not work and have had to raise interest rates. This is bad news for Norman Lamont.

Invest in us

Shareholders in Mercury Asset Management are being offered the fruits of success. The investment manager is proposing a three-for-two capitalisation issue to reduce its share price and improve liquidity, highlighting the superb performance of its shares since they were floated in 1987. Shareholders have seen their investment quadruple, from 225p a share to more than £9 in the past four years. Little wonder that SG Warburg, the merchant bank, has held on to its 75 per cent stake. The rise has been founded on the group's growth. Assets under management have expanded from £23 billion in 1988 to more than £40 billion. Profits have grown 44 per cent to £56.4 million, despite the volatility of equity markets, and dividends have more than doubled.

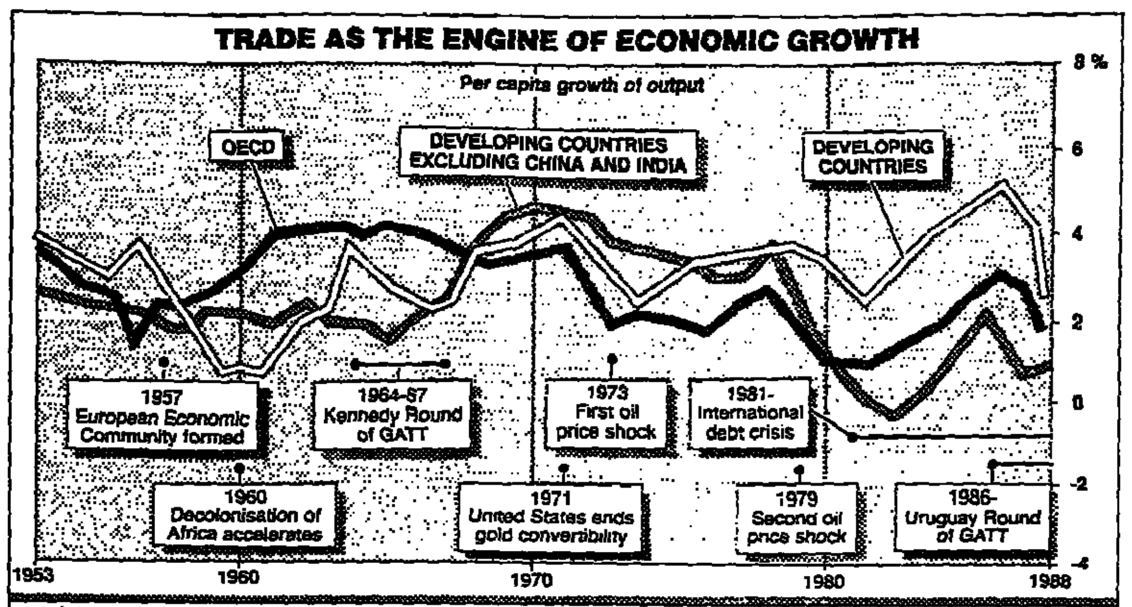
Sadly, MAM's clients can only dream of returns like these, but the company has combined reasonable performance with strong marketing to attract a stream of new clients. The latest arrivals are Japanese private investors who have already bought £900 million of MAM's international bond funds. Having tapped this vast market, MAM's future could be just as exciting, if not the progress of its shares.

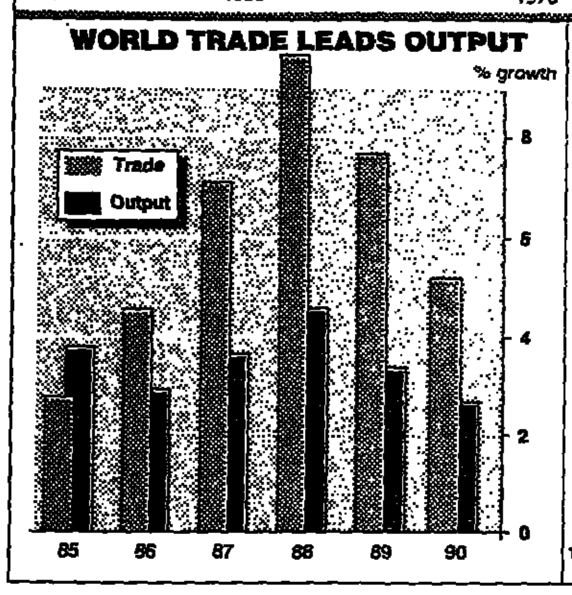
Bush shows way forward across Gatt's great divide

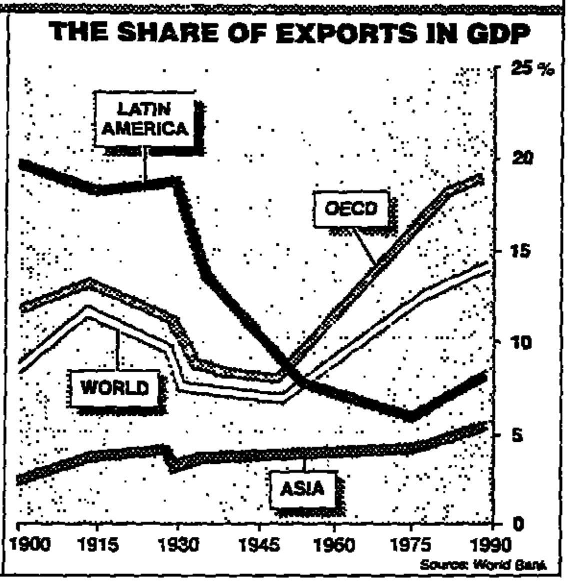
US concessions in the Gatt talks could end the deadlock.

Colin Narbrough

looks at the outstanding issues







Source: World Bank

The fears about America's recovery that contributed to Friday's falls on Wall Street are the same concerns that prompted President Bush to intervene personally the previous weekend to try to unblock the Uruguay Round negotiations on freer world trade by making a striking concession over agriculture. The Bush administration knows America needs to give the right signals on trade immediately, if it wants to have any confidence in its climb out of recession.

A deadline at the end of this year was agreed by the Group of Seven leaders at the London summit in July. That might prove difficult to achieve, given the technical and political complexity of the sub-agreements being sought.

Until Gatt embarked on the Uruguay round, its successes had primarily been in liberalising international trade in manufactured goods. The present round is seeking to take in areas of economic activity hitherto outside Gatt's scope.

Gatt expects growth in world merchandise trade to continue to moderate this year after slowing to 5 per cent last year. This tracks the deceleration in output growth, estimated to have eased to 3 per cent last year, from 4 per cent in 1989. Gatt has sought to counter the protectionist lobbies that flourish in a climate of recession. A repeat of its failure in December last year to reach an agreement by its original end-1990 deadline would create uncertainty far greater than the events of the Gulf. Some trade experts already talk of the risk of another Thirties-style depression.

Arthur Dunkel, the Swiss director general of Gatt, has praised the heightened urgency with which key players are addressing the work on an agreement. He sees a new commitment to settle this year. Mr Bush's meeting on November 9 with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, and Ruud Lubbers, the prime minister of The Netherlands, current Community president at The Hague, has done much to make the usually cautious Mr Dunkel more optimistic.

The focus at the meeting in The Hague was on how deep and broad the reduction of farm subsidies are to be. The Americans are understood to have reduced their demand for cuts to 30-35 per cent from their original demand for reductions of 75-90 per cent. Transatlantic differences in this area have been the main obstacle to agreement.

The Cairns Group, comprising 14 leading agricultural exporters led by Australia, has been disappointed by the move America, its erstwhile ally in the farm subsidy dispute, but Washington's shift of allegiance at this stage could be crucial.

Differences have been narrowed at the political level on the farm support issue and negotiators at the Geneva talks have been instructed to move urgently to iron out the remaining difficulties.

Serious problems remain, however. Japan is using the negotiations to ensure it is safeguarded against bilateral actions by the Americans. Among the developing nations, Brazil has probably been the most vociferous in defence of its interests, clashing openly with the developed world nations over intellectual property. The poor nations want to ensure access for their farm produce and textiles to the rich countries without being swamped by the legal and financial muscle of the industrialised world's services.

Mr Dunkel wants draft texts of an agreement by November 30 to allow time before the year end deadline for work on the details of tariff concessions and commitments to free trade in services and other areas. He has identified the negotiating areas in which "substantial breakthroughs" are needed:

☐ **Agriculture.** The Gatt talks require a binding agreement between governments on the reduction of domestic supports that distort trade. Policies causing minimal distortion will be allowed under a special exclusion, or "green box" arrangement, the scope of which has to be agreed. Import quotas and other non-tariff restraints will have to be converted into tariffs, and then lowered, a process dubbed "tariffication". It has to be decided whether tariffication will affect all farm products, whether minimum market access is allowed for certain goods, and at what level governments could apply safeguards against certain imports.

☐ **Services.** A general agreement must be based on three key elements: government commitments to liberalising trade, a framework accord and special arrangements for sensitive areas. The important interrelationships between the three elements must be resolved.

☐ **Intellectual property.** Decisions must be made on standards for protecting rights, enforcement rules, patent principles, protection for computer programs, rental rights and geographical appellations.

☐ **Textiles.** Agreement must be reached on how to dismantle the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, the import quota-based system that governs present textile trade, and how its rules apply to non-member countries during the phase-out period.

☐ **Market access.** Recognition has to be given to progress in liberalisation made unilaterally since the start of the Uruguay round. Agreement on agriculture and textiles should allow negotiation about concessions on tariffs and non-tariff barriers. Agreements can be made under bilateral arrangements, or in negotiations between groups of countries. Offers of tariff reductions must be improved and confirmed. The target reduction is one third. Binding commitments must also be given not to reimpose tariffs.

☐ **Rule-making.** Many outstanding issues require a compromise between reforms, strengthening of anti-dumping rules and the desire for new provisions to address practices such as "screwdriver" assembly plants, perceived to undermine effective enforcement. The question of special allowance for subsidies in developing countries must also be agreed.

Mr Dunkel's stock-taking exercise puts the ball firmly in the politicians' court. Mr Bush's bold first move is encouraging. The European Community would do the world economy, and its member states, a giant service by following the American lead.

Green grow the profits

Green investment is a difficult concept. James Capel, the broker, compiles a "green" portfolio of companies that benefit from investment designed to address environmental concerns, or which lead their industries in recycling. Now in its third year. Capel's tracking study suggests that the Confederation of British Industry was shrewd to make business and the environment the central theme of its conference this autumn.

Comparisons for the *James Capel Green Book*, published last week, were completed on October 18, so they are unadjusted for yesterday's slide in share prices. However, there is no reason to believe a market readjustment will alter the relative outperformance of shares in environmentally friendly companies.

By late October, James Capel's green index of 30 quoted companies committed to environmental responsibility had risen by 28.1 per cent since January, compared with a 20.4 per cent gain by the FT-SE 100 index. This is a reversal of 1990, when the green index underperformed.

About 10 per cent of all investment in the British equity market is estimated to go through some degree of ethical or environmental screening, including 27 per cent of local authority investment money.

However, according to the *James Capel Green Book*, the 35 per cent premium at which environmental companies used to trade has been whittled away. "The days are passed when the average green share could rely upon a better than average market rating purely by dint of its environmental awareness," says Roger Hardman, the editor.

The green index includes companies from a wide variety of sectors. Among them are Attwoods, Body Shop, Geest, Johnson Matthey, Simon Engineering and Severn Trent. The index trades at 13.4 times historic earnings, just below the market average. Capel predicts that its growth will be ahead of the market this year and match it over the next two years.

An even better performer was the small green index, which has put on 62.9 per cent this year. This index has beaten the Footsie since it began in January 1988, despite the dismal performance of smaller company shares generally since then.

Ethical investment funds in Britain amount to little more than £350 million — not enough to move share prices across a broad spread of investments. The engine of green growth is the huge environmental clean-up unleashed by privatisation of Britain's utilities and tougher European Community standards.

Companies which can cash in on environmental investment are exceptional in being assured of market growth. An economic recovery, however, might wipe the tarnish from less green companies.

JONATHAN PRYNN
AND ROSS TIEMAN

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Called back from the bar

LORD Alexander of Weedon, eloquent chairman of NatWest Bank, always has time for his associates, even when they work for a High Street rival. He was, it seems, happy to pass on helpful advice to Derek Wheatley, QC, chief legal adviser at Lloyds Bank for 15 years, when he decided to leave the City to return to the Bar in 1989. Two years later, however, Wheatley, in something of an about turn, is returning to the Square Mile, this time as banking consultant to Watson Farley and Williams, a firm of solicitors known for its shipping links. "Bob Alexander helped find me a place at Gray's Inn, but it was not all that easy to pick up the threads after 15 years," says Wheatley, aged 65, who is a long serving member of the Bar Council, and oversaw Lloyds' merger with Abbey Life. He now aims to help his new employer strengthen its banking connections. He should, given such connections, have a head start.

"I thought we were supposed to hibernate this time of year."

Twin peaks

NOT content with climbing Europe's highest mountain for charity, Neville Shulman, accountant to the stars, hopes to go one step better. Shulman, director of the international theatre institute and financial adviser to celebrities such as Ridley Scott, director of *Thelma and Louise* and *Alien*, and Twiggy, had never climbed a mountain when he set out to scale Mont Blanc last year, yet succeeded in raising £55,000. Now he hopes to raise twice as much by scaling 19,340ft Mount Kilimanjaro and 17,058ft Mount Kenya back to back in the space of just two weeks. "Two mountains are better than one," says Shulman, aged 46, who leaves Britain on December 17. The money raised will go to Music for the World, an environment charity whose patron is Norma Major.

Against the tide

FOLLOWING our story last week that salesmen were defecting en masse from Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham stockbroker, it appears that one City gent has decided to go against the stream. Gerry Loughrey, a senior fund manager with Kleinwort Benson, is returning to Birmingham, his home town, to manage private client portfolios for Sharp — five years to the day after he left the firm to take up his London post. As many as 15 staff have left Sharp in recent months, 11 of them from the private client side, so Loughrey is likely to be welcomed back with open arms. "City life has been fun, but it will be nice to get back to mushy peas and black pudding," he says.

Builders' mates

SUCH is the plight of those in the building trade, thanks to the recession — which is, according to the builders, still worsening — that, for the first time in its 157-year history, the Chartered Institute of Building is launching a benevolent fund. The institute, which has 33,000 members, all from the managerial end of the profession, is hoping to raise £500,000 "to alleviate hardship because so many of our members are now unemployed". Although the institute has reduced the subscription fee for unemployed members, a record 1,500 people have failed to renew their £110 subcription this year. "I don't know what percentage of our membership is unemployed," says PR director Julian Barlow, "but it must be very high — higher than it has ever been before." The first fundraising activity is a book comprising a compilation of the silliest answers given by students sitting the institute's examination. Asked to detail the cure for death watch beetle in a roof truss, one student recommended the placing of a tape recording "of the mating call of the death watch beetle close to the wood, which excites the beetle and thus kills it".

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Local authorities and BCCI

From Mr John Spence

Sir, In view of the reporting of the current investigations of the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee into the collapse of BCCI, I feel it is necessary to put the record straight.

Local authorities are being accused of "incompetence" and "carelessness" in investing BCCI and therefore suffering losses as a result of its collapse. What the reporting does not make clear is that it is only a minority of authorities involved (about six per cent) and most of them had a relatively small proportion of their total short term cash invested with that one institution. Further more, not a single county council in England and Wales had any money invested with BCCI and typically the prudent, if not stringent, restrictions which such councils impose uopn themselves would preclude any investment in the secondary banking sector.

In view of this, therefore, any criticism, fair or unfair, can not be levelled at the county councils.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. SPENCE,
Chairman,
Finance, Information
and Review group,
Kent County Council,
County Hall,
Maidstone,
Kent.

From Mr D. F. Atkinson

Sir, The predicament, caused by the mistaken investment of the Highlands and Islands council in the Bank of Credit and Commerce, is causing distress to ordinary people, who had no control over the decisions of their elected masters. Yet those responsible are still in office and seem likely to suffer no penalty (save, hopefully, public ostracism).

Whilst these people should clearly be penalised for bad judgment, surely the rest of us (i.e. the government) should take urgent steps to alleviate the resultant, enforced suffering of the ordinary people affected. Otherwise, what is government for?

It makes a moral nonsense if no action is taken in this case when individuals, motivated solely by greed, are compensated when their investments fail, as in Barlow Clowes.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. ATKINSON,
15 The Maltings,
High Street,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.

Losses at Lloyd's

From Mrs M. Wauchope

Sir, Some who have written on Lloyd's losses appear not fully to know the system of membership. Working names, i.e. those who work in the market, have always been encouraged to become members with a show of means well below that required for an outside name.

In the past, before company pensions were popular, this right to join was used by employers for that purpose and to make up wages and to keep their staff — like a modern bonus. It was considered both a privilege and a duty to join. Indeed, as a young broker, my husband was dismissed when he tried to resign from one of his firm's syndicates!

Employee share schemes, directors' options, etc., are all encouraged today. The tragedy is that similar support for the market where you work, quite singularly at Lloyd's, means that you can lose all you own.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET WAUCHOPE,
Pinns Farm, Wellow, Hants.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Eve Group	Building,Rds	
2	Assoc Nursing	Industrial	
3	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
4	Caird Gp	Chems,Plas	
5	Bunzl	Paper,Print	
6	Park Foods	Foods	
7	CRH	Building,Rds	
8	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print	
9	Admiral	Electrical	
10	Norcros	Industrial	
11	Gr Portland	Property	
12	Paterson Zoch	Chems,Plas	
13	Morrison (W)	Foods	
14	Capital Radio	Leisure	
15	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Rds	
16	Bristol	Newspapr,Pub	
17	YRM	Building,Rds	
18	TIP Europe	Transport	
19	Wensum	Drapery,Strs	
20	AAH	Industrial	
21	Eldridge P 'A'	Breweries	
22	Midstates	Industrial	
23	Nurdin Peacock	Foods	
24	Kewill Sys	Electrical	
25	CIA Gp	Paper,Print	
26	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
27	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
28	Suncliffe Speak	Chems,Plas	
29	Christie	Property	
30	Hogg Robinson	Drapery,Strs	
31	ERA Gp	Drapery,Strs	
32	BNB Res	Paper,Print	
33	Br Land	Property	
34	Aegis Gp	Paper,Print	
35	Molynx	Electrical	
36	Midlnd Scot Res	Oils, Gas	
37	West Scaffold	Building,Rds	
38	Cranswick	Foods	
39	Rea Bros	Banks,Disc	
40	Transport Dev	Transport	
41	Microfilm Rep	Electrical	
42	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
43	ECC Group	Industrial	
44	Sheffield Insl	Building,Rds	
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The £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Mrs June Lloyd of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey Ntl	254	-1	9.5	4.5	9.3
183	126	Allied Irish	170	-3	...	5.9	12.2
60	23	Ansbacher (H)	35	-1	1.5	5.7	...
198	121	Aus New Z	182	-7	...	...	5.9
2631	1218	Bankamerica	2075 †	-84	...	...	...
173¾	115⅞	Bk of Ireland	145	-1	...	7.3	23.7
1950	1900	Bk Leumi Isrl	1900 #	...	...	...	...
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340	...	16.0	6.3	...
126	91	Bank Scotland	120	...	...	5.7	26.1
489	327	Barclays	395	-5	21.1	7.1	26.1
12	3	Benchmark	5	...	...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	225	-4	9.0	4.7	...
27	12½	Carlisle	16	...	...	...	...
464	313	Cater Allen	371	-3	25.0	9.1	...
78	52	Cattles	67	-1	3.8	7.6	13.2
1275	531	Chase Manh	937	-62	...	...	...
1037	587	Citicorp	618 †	-6	...	...	...
265	225	Close Bros	265	...	8.8	4.4	12.7
8612	1500	Commerzbk	8612	...	...	0.8	...
£231¾	£191¼	Deutsche Bk	£230	...	...	2.0	...
213	35	First Nat Fin	47	+1	13.0	...	2.8
355	260	Gerrard Nat	266	-3	20.5	10.3	...
256	174	HSBC	247	-9	...	4.6	...
302	204	Hambros	275	-7	12.8	6.2	9.7
413	330	Joseph (L)	330	-13	15.8	6.4	...
153	107	King Shaxson	107 †	-3	10.2	12.8	...
377	249	Kleinwort Ben	315	-8	16.0	6.8	...
409	268	Lloyds	394	...	15.3	5.2	16.9
63	44	Lon Scot Bk	50	-1	2.7	7.3	9.7
264	150	Midland	233	-4	9.0	...	...
363	207	Nat Aust Bk	346	-11	...	7.0	9.5
357½	247	Nat West	314	-3	17.5	7.4	...
512	390	Provident	438	-11	23.5	7.2	9.4
46	24	Rea Bros	35	-3	0.5	1.9	22.3
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	174	-4	8.4	6.4	14.3
1143	640	Schroders	1130	-13	14.0	1.7	22.5
431	205	Stand Chart	395	-9	20.0	...	34.7
165	124	TSB	128	-1½	6.4	6.7	...
600	230	Union Disc	247	-6	35.0	18.9	3.7
563	314	Warburg SG	553	-10	16.0	3.9	11.4
192	109	-do- 6% 'A'	189	-3	...	4.2	...
5800	2506	Wells Fargo	3318	-193	...	7.1	...
224	128	Westpac	212	-9	...	...	7.5
353	253	Wintrust	258	-10	9.3	4.8	7.7

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
662	460	Allied-Lyons	602	-8	18.8	4.2	13.4
1066	882	Bass	960	-8	...	4.5	12.9
175	124	Boddington	165	...	6.0	4.8	11.9
270	173	Bulmer (HP)	264	-4	8.3	4.2	16.4
143	98	Burtonwd Brw	108 †	-1	4.2	5.2	6.2
245	135	Devenish (JA)	204	-2	5.3	3.5	14.3
120	87	Eldridge P 'A'	87	-3	4.1	...	...
84	51	Fosters Brewing	79	-2	...	1.4	∞
450	360	Fullr Sm 'A'	422	-6	6.1	1.9	17.1
268	137	Gibbs Mew	138	-5	6.7	6.5	...
869	623	Grand Met	839	-22	20.4	3.2	14.4
371	274	Greenall Whit	360	-6	10.0	3.7	11.4
490	374	Greene King	459	-4	10.8	3.1	12.0
538	358½	Guinness	517	-8	...	2.4	15.6

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
141	80	Maunders (J)	140	...	4.9	4.7	∞
308	186	McAlpine (A)	197	-3	...	7.0	20.1
114½	37¼	McCarthy & S	67	-2	...	2.0	...
494	358	Meyer Int	434	+4	16.5	5.1	21.5
17	12	Miskin Gp	15	...	...	...	...
356	210	Mowlem (J)	230	+2	...	12.2	18.1
44	12	NSM	18	-1	0.5	3.7	...
177	112	Newman Tonks	156	-1	9.3	7.9	14.0
304	187	Persimmon	271	-4½	...	4.2	13.4
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
1200	875	Pochins	1137	...	24.0	2.8	8.4
201	158	Prowting	173 †	...	5.0	3.9	35.5
46	25	Quiligotti	33	-1	1.5	6.2	11.2
749	520	RMC Gp	532	-14	19.3	4.8	12.3
150	93	Raine Ind	134	-4	6.0	6.0	12.3
76	50	Rattee	65	...	0.1	0.2	...
658	484	Redland	493	-14	...	6.8	14.2
79	63	Rocket	66	...	4.3	8.7	7.0
205	135	Rugby Group	178	-5	6.4	4.8	13.1
62	23	Sandell	33	...	1.7	...	...
68	38	Sutfd-Rve	53	...	3.0	7.5	7.6
98	79	Sharpe & Fisher	81	-1	4.0	6.6	78.6
161	103	Sheffield Insl	127	-2	5.4	5.7	12.1
110	61	Sheriff Hldgs	62	-2	5.1	...	5.5
148	75	Shorco	75	-2	5.2	9.2	7.9
215	161	Smart (J)	214 †	...	7.9	5.0	∞
22	15¼	Stanmin	16¼	-¼	...	2.5	33.6
424	257	Steetley	328	+5	14.0	5.7	17.0
283	141	Tarmac	146	-1	11.2	10.3	16.5
175	106	Tay Homes	166	+1	5.3	4.3	6.6
289	154	Taylor Woodrw	159	-3	9.5	8.0	15.0
725	508	Tilbury Group	608	-6	33.0	7.2	9.0
41	28	Torex Hire	35	-1	1.6	...	...
251	188	Travis Perkins	232	-2	8.0	4.6	29.8
62	39	Try Group	53	...	6.0	15.1	5.7
33	22	Tudor	33	...	2.7	...	9.3
150	16	Turriff	27 #	...	4.2	20.9	...
10	3	Venture Plant	6½	-½	...	...	...
123	66	Vibroplant	104	-2	3.6	4.6	10.6
208	98	Ward Group	98	-2	7.2	...	4.3
100	53	Ward Hldgs	55	...	2.6	6.3	11.6
428	368	Watts Blake	407	...	9.3	3.0	15.7
44	30	Wescol	35	...	1.5	...	3.1
190	108	Westbury	110 †	-3	...	10.9	...
52	18	West Scaffold	18	-1	...	...	...
62	6	Wiggins	13	...	...	...	...
447	335½	Wilson Bowdn	407	-4	...	2.7	13.9
211	162	Wilson (C)	180	-4	3.7	2.8	16.2
229	145	Wimpey G	151	-2	10.5	9.3	23.0
78	43	YRM	71	-4	5.0	9.4	6.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	174½	+½	3.5	2.7	17.7
395	301	Amersham	376	-9	11.8	4.2	18.7
41⅛	28⅝	Anglo Utd	34	-1	...	6.3	...
247	148	BTP	245	-2	8.4	4.6	15.4
£100⅞	7281	Bayer DM50	9900	...	...	4.6	...
224	129	Blagden	221	-2	9.5	5.7	12.2
160⅝	116	Brent Chems	136 †	-5	...	7.3	15.0
128	42	Caird Gp	94	-3	...	3.4	...
171	94	Canning (W)	168	-1	7.2	5.8	20.2
203	146	Croda	162	-3	11.0	...	12.8
218	165	Ellis & Everard	196	-2	7.0	4.8	12.3
18	12	Euro Colour	13½	...	0.6	6.4	17.2
124	43	Evode	62	-4	8.4	13.8	10.7
379	202	Halstead (J)	378	-1	11.2	4.0	10.5
200	95	Hickson	190	-6	8.0	5.6	18.3
9325	6793	Hoechst	8100	...	...	7.2	...
1381	845	ICI	1208	-11	55.0	6.1	21.7
607	435	Laporte	583	-6	17.8	4.1	14.1
351	265	Leigh	265	-10	7.6	3.9	15.7
265	136	MTM	247	...	5.1	2.8	14.6
1818	1387	Norsk Hydro	1425	...	...	2.7	15.1
400	312	Paterson Zoch	390	-3	10.4	3.6	11.9
390	308	-do- 'A'	382	-3	10.4	3.6	11.7
236	111	Plysu	235	...	4.5	2.6	20.9
141	73	Porvair	141	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
386	203	Rentokil	340	-10	3.3	1.3	27.8
17	12	Suncliffe Speak	12½	-1	...	...	...
363	204	Wardle Storeys	363	+7	16.0	6.1	∞
20	12	Wentworth	17	-1	0.1	0.8	...
290	215	Wolstenholme R	285	-5	16.3	7.6	12.5
553	327	Yorks Chem	548	-1	13.5	3.3	15.3
227	89	Yule Catto	224	...	4.7	2.8	14.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	20	Alan Paul	20 #	...	...	22.7	1.4
445	267	Alexon	419	-3	...	5.6	8.6
126	58¼	Amber Day	125	...	2.7	2.9	∞
339	239	Argos Plc	313	-6	6.0	2.6	20.6
106	52	Ashley (Laura)	97	-4	...	0.1	...
338	255	Asprey	298	...	4.9	2.2	15.8
385	350	Austin Reed	360	-3	9.5	3.5	57.8
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	-1	5.5	5.0	12.4
195	150	Bentalls	155	-3	3.8	3.3	32.2
226	73	Bur CF	219	-3	...	1.4	24.6
119	36½	Blacks Leis	113 †	-2	...	3.8	10.3
340	178	Body Shop	340	+4	1.2	0.5	45.6
38½	5	Brown & Jackson	5½	...	1.9	...	1.3
289	183	Brown (N)	288 †	...	...	2.6	19.9
94⅛	30	Burton	44	-1	2.7	8.4	...
188	113	Cantors 'A'	179	-1	4.0	3.0	11.1
355	275	Church	313	-2	12.5	5.3	15.3
193	99	Coats Viyella	174 †	-5	7.0	5.4	20.2
165	109	Colourvision	117	-3	5.6	6.4	10.4
336	154	Courts Furnish	334	...	5.0	2.0	13.0
220	52	Crown Eyes	201	-4	3.5	2.3	11.2
32	17½	Dewhirst (IJ)	28⅛	-¼	...	3.0	13.1
274	125	Dixons Grp	225	-12	5.8	3.4	19.8
520	283	Dunhill	465	-22	7.0	2.0	16.8
37	11	ERA Gp	35	-2	...	...	15.4
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	...	16.0	2.7	5.6
248	87	Etam	230	-2	5.8	3.4	23.8
19	9¼	Fields (Mar)	10 #	...	...	...	...
380	212	Fine Art Dev	373	-4	9.8	3.5	15.7
95	60	Fired Earth Tiles	85	-3	4.0	6.3	16.3
454	338	Forminster	453	...	11.7	3.5	9.2
67½	29	French Conn	33	...	2.7	10.9	42.2
87	38	Gabbicci	83	-2	4.2	6.8	9.6
76	41	Gent SR	52	-1	2.0	5.1	46.6
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	41	-2	3.0	9.8	7.6
2000	1350	GUS	1925 †	-50	37.5	2.6	17.1
1455	1048	-do- 'A'	1363 †	-10	37.5	3.7	12.1
32	20	Hampdn Hm	30	...	0.2	0.9	14.2
320	153	Hartstone	310	-9	3.2	1.4	22.9
29½	12	Helene Plc	23	-½	2.0	12.0	6.1
35	16	Heritage	21	-1	...	...	...
153	93	Hogg Robinsn	139	-3	5.5	4.1	24.3
19	11	Hollas	13¼	-1	1.2	12.1	18.6
50	20	Honeysuckle	37	-6	1.0	3.7	∞
136	90	Hse of Lerose	131	...	10.3	10.5	13.0
208	139	Jacques Vert	195	-3	10.0	6.8	8.9
582	350	Kingfisher	535	-10	12.2	3.0	16.3
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68	+1	4.0	7.8	7.3
663	410	Liberty	663	+3	6.9	1.4	25.5
301	213½	Marks Spencer	291 †	-3	6.7	3.1	18.8
467	294	Menzies (John)	435	-7	9.4	2.9	15.2
135	113	Moss Bros	126 †	...	5.0	5.3	27.8
65	11¼	Next	62	-2½	0.7	...	...
126½	90	Oliver (G)	92	+1	...	5.6	13.5
171	101	Pentos	163	-1	2.5	2.0	18.3
119	72	Pepe Group	118	...	4.0	4.5	5.5
247	135	QS Hldgs	225	-1	4.3	2.6	19.1

Portfolio PLATINUM

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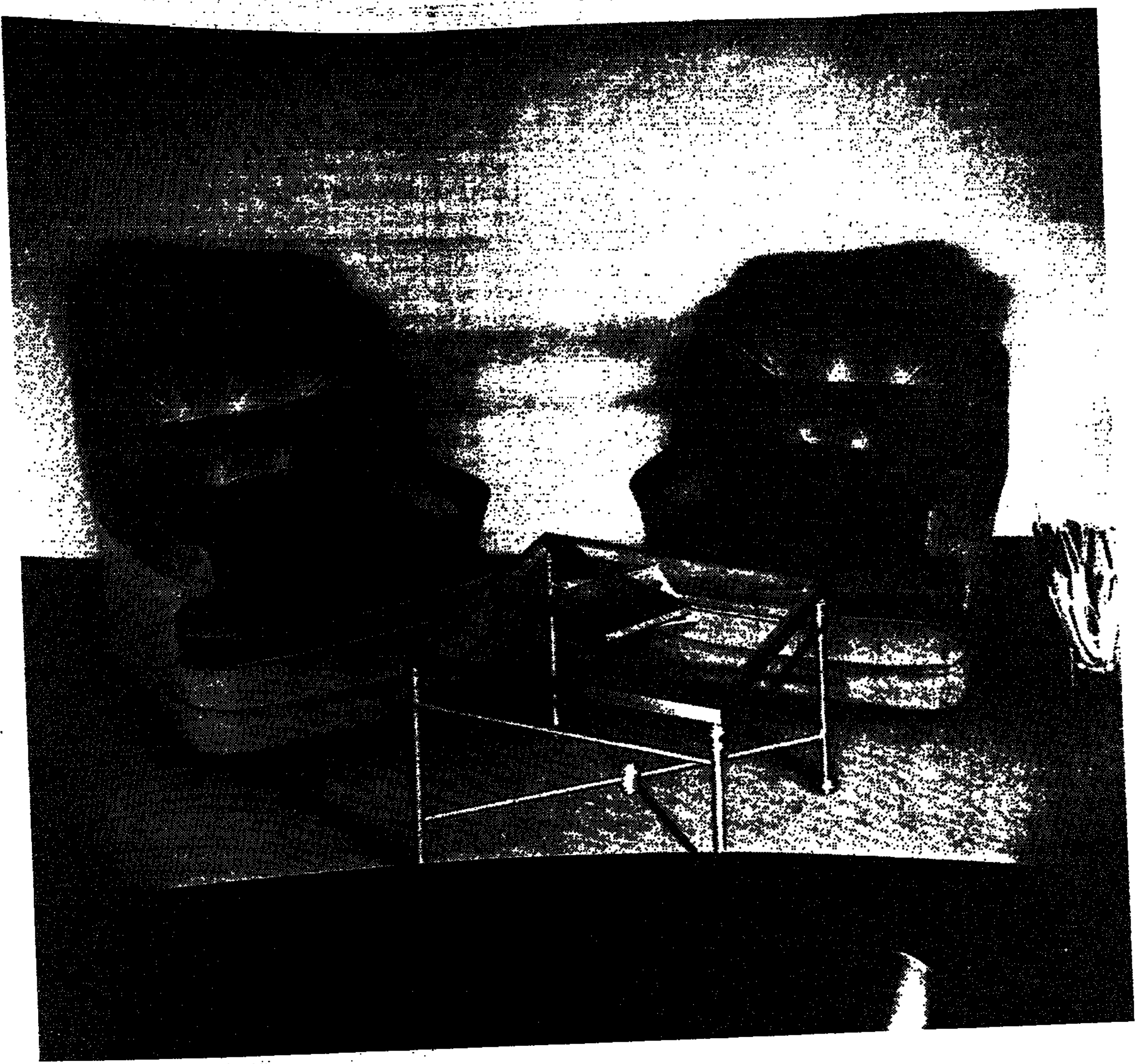
1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
546	419	Shell	504	-2	20.1	5.3	12.7
180	98	Sovereign	150	...	...	...	29.5
5	3	Target Res	3⅞	+⅛	...	...	...
34	13	Tomkins	20	-1	...	...	...
114	84	Triton Europe	103	-1	...	1.4	19.2
358	233	Ultramar	332	-5	10.5	4.2	24.2
197	102	Woodside	183	-3	...	1.1	55.1
7	1¼	XCL Surplus	3¼	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
409	331	Anglian Water	360	-11	17.5	6.5	7.9
406	327	Northumbrian	373	-5	18.6	6.6	5.7
395	322	North West	352	-11	18.0	6.8	6.5
370	300	Severn Trent	327	-9	17.5	7.3	5.0
397	293	Sthrn Water	318	-8	17.7	7.4	6.8
392	308	South West	327	-9	20.0	8.3	4.9
397	323	Thames Water	345 †	-10	17.5	6.8	7.0
422	341	Welsh Water	376	-7	19.5	6.9	4.6
456	325	Wessex Water	387	-9	17.7	6.1	6.6
431	335	Yorkshire W	365	-10	17.7	6.5	7.0

◆ USM: # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.



The chairs love your commercial. The table isn't so sure.

THERE'S ONE PROBLEM with the theory that television advertising is highly intrusive: avoiding commercials is easy.

Nonetheless, we are assured that they reach a huge and attentive audience.

For support we are given figures based on a method of research which records the time at which viewers switch their sets on, change channels, and switch off.

A method which asks us to assume that when the commercials are on, there's someone watching.

Questionable when you are armed with the knowledge that demand for electricity and water rises and falls like a massed heartbeat with each commercial break.

It is safe enough to deduce that this is the result of people putting the kettle on, or visiting the loo. (Doesn't common sense tell us that viewers are far more likely to leave the room in a commercial break, than during their favourite programme?).

Indeed, a number of research studies carried out over the past thirty years have suggested that millions of people, whose attention you are paying for, are not watching when the commercials come on.

And now, a new and revealing report has confirmed this.

A research psychologist called Dr. Peter Collett videoed people watching commercials by putting a hidden camera into their television sets.

He saw (literally) that for 20% of the commercials no one was in the room. To put it bluntly: you are spending 20% of your budget communicating with tables and chairs. (If only they had high disposable incomes.)

The videotapes also revealed that advertising breaks were the cue to escape the commercials.

Some people left the room. Others used their remote-control 'zappers' to find out what was on the other channels. That's another 10% of the commercials missed.

That leaves 70% of the commercials with a potential audience.

But the tapes show people talking reading, sleeping. Some, who evidently forgot they were being filmed, used the sofa for activities normally reserved for the bedroom.

Half of the time no one was watching the TV set.

These insights into domestic reality show that only a third of all commercials were blessed with the viewers' attention.

The fact is that television advertising is less than half as effective as you thought it was.

Or put another way, twice as expensive

An apposite moment to bring your attention to newspaper advertising.

You cannot read a newspaper whilst behaving as if it isn't there.

If you put your newspaper down to make a cup of tea, the ads will still be there when you come back.

You will have seen a series of famous newspaper advertisements, featured as part of this campaign. Reminders of the compelling and powerful nature of the written word.

And a timely incentive for agencies to think twice before herding advertisers towards television.

They might find it beyond even their powers of persuasion to convince you that talking to furniture is going to help you shift your product.

And rather easier to sell you on the idea of advertising in the newspapers.

The effectiveness of which, for the last three minutes, you have been busy proving.

If you'd like more information, please call 071-433 1500.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth				
BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	88.87	95.04	-1.77	2.69
International	61.72	65.65	-1.45	1.34
Dividend Gth	49.26	52.40	-0.87	5.73
Global Gth Sec	52.79	56.15	-0.27	3.10
Ethical Growth	54.94	58.44	-0.61	2.67
High Inc Equity	131.60	140.00†	-2.30	6.07
Worldwide Bond	210.30	222.80†	-0.80	6.73
Gilts Fixed Int	117.00	124.10	-0.10	9.27
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ.				
0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ.				
071 374 6001				
Amer Inc Gth	28.15	29.88†	-1.30	2.66
European	66.64	70.75	-0.52	0.32
European Inc	70.54	74.42†	-0.58	1.65
Exempt	785.50	813.30†	-15.90	5.02
Extra Inc	37.89	41.27	-0.62	6.00
F East Emerg Ec	46.98	50.33	-1.20	1.27
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL.				
0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	332.80	354.40	-3.80	5.64
Equity Inc	187.20	199.30	-2.00	5.07
High Yield	199.80	212.70†	-2.10	5.50
Balanced	551.90	587.20	-8.20	3.46
American Inc	34.09	36.30	-1.28	4.05
Wld Asset Val	31.20	33.22	-0.81	1.26
Japan	135.40	143.20	-5.00	0.01
Secs of Am	307.10	325.70†	-17.80	0.15
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 128, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4PN.				
081 663 3030				
European Gth	79.93	85.47	-2.65	1.62
1992 Euro Sp Op	60.44	64.63	-0.85	1.58
International Inc	68.58	72.94	-0.16	2.92
N American Gth	46.75	49.99	-2.69	1.62
Pacific Growth	68.88	73.65	-2.27	2.09
UK Growth Acc	79.06	84.54†	-1.67	2.65
UK Growth Dis	69.37	74.19†	-1.46	3.35
UK Income	57.45	61.43†	-0.88	7.29
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.				
081 534 5544				
Capital	86.69	93.02	-1.50	3.64
Euro Gth Inc	91.71	97.82	-1.16	1.92
Extra Inc	92.56	98.99†	-1.31	6.76
General	194.90	208.50	-3.60	4.16
Gilt Fxd Inc	51.97	53.84†	-1.04	10.11
Income	419.90	449.10	-6.00	6.12
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ.				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	64.31	68.17	-3.60	0.40
Amer Smllr Cos	73.76	78.43	-4.17	0.20
Australia	61.83	66.23	-2.21	2.00
Convertibles	45.72	48.69	-0.39	8.60
Eastern	125.00	134.50	-4.10	1.30
Equity Income	72.56	77.19†	-1.37	7.10
European Gth	176.70	187.60	-3.20	2.20
Euro Smllr Cos	149.40	159.70	-1.20	1.50
Exempt	69.97	72.16	...	3.90
German Growth	45.88	49.03	-0.41	1.10
Global Growth	79.56	85.13†	-3.75	1.00
Japan Growth	153.40	164.10	-5.00	...
Japan Sunrise	123.60	132.00	-4.70	...
Portfolio	97.77	101.80	-1.90	4.00
-do- Acc	167.10	173.90	-3.30	4.00
UK Growth	56.17	59.75	-0.94	4.30
UK Smaller Cos	73.08	78.15†	-1.23	2.90
Select Managers	53.69	57.11	-1.10	3.20
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.				
041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	81.88	87.57	-3.17	2.71
-do- Inc	76.45	81.76†	-2.96	2.71
Global Bond	22.53	24.10	-0.07	6.03
High Yield Acc	40.48	43.29	-0.46	4.90
-do- Inc	31.60	33.80†	-0.35	4.90
Income Gth Acc	58.58	62.65	-1.01	5.59
-do- Inc	41.60	44.50	-0.72	5.59
Service Co Acc	70.65	75.56	-1.44	1.98
-do- Inc	66.53	71.15†	-1.36	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	33.52	35.85	-2.17	1.08
-do- Inc	32.69	35.18	-2.13	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.06	26.80	-0.51	1.40
-do- Inc	24.38	26.07	-0.50	1.40
Mngd P folio	25.12	26.86	-0.66	..
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.				
0444 458144				
Financial	97.12	103.40	-2.20	4.57
Smaller Cos Acc	194.20	206.80	-2.70	..
Smaller Cos Inc	115.40	122.90†	-1.60	1.87
High Inc	60.13	64.05	-1.04	6.53
Income	93.54	99.62†	-1.28	5.44
Mngd P folio Inc	79.31	84.47	-1.57	2.46
-do- Acc	146.30	155.80	-3.00	..
North American	75.52	80.43	-3.93	0.27
Orient	91.23	95.13	-3.17	..
Recovery	30.71	32.71†	-1.38	3.61
German	35.56	38.10†	+0.11	0.11
Intl Recov	27.70	29.50†	-1.09	0.27
European Inc	20.40	21.96	-0.01	0.51
Conv General	16.85	17.98	-0.16	10.59
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street,				
London EC3A 7JJ 071 247 4542. Dealing:				
071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	50.54	53.57	-1.03	3.40
-do- Acc	55.14	58.45	-1.12	3.40
Income Fund 5	168.40	179.20†	-2.60	6.36
-do- Acc	364.50	387.90†	-5.50	6.25
Inv Portfolio	52.31	55.15	-1.12	3.01
-do- Acc	56.31	60.25	-1.25	3.01
Smaller Cos	109.50	116.50	-1.90	3.28
-do- Acc	126.40	134.50	-2.10	3.28
High Inc P folio	45.02	49.76	+0.69	6.52
BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.				
071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	63.43	64.26	-0.01	6.36
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH.				
061 837 5060				
Environ	105.70	112.50	-1.90	2.22
UK Growth	114.70	122.10	-2.40	2.51
UK Income	103.00	109.60†	-1.60	5.94
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx				
HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	49.06	52.47	-2.43	2.13
Growth	39.63	42.35	-0.51	3.41
Income	46.54	49.77	-0.95	5.23
Far East	37.11	39.69	-1.35	0.75
North American	56.24	60.15	-4.54	2.94
Global	60.10	64.25	-2.65	1.37
European	57.09	61.06	-0.26	2.56
Japan	89.53	94.55†	-2.59	0.01
Strategic Opps	45.75	48.93	-2.36	2.01
Intl Currency Bd	47.47	50.31†	+0.04	7.50
UK Cap Gwth	65.67	70.25	-2.68	2.45
UK High Inc	33.67	36.01	-1.24	5.25
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	98.02	93.64	-4.71	0.23
-do- Acc	93.57	99.55	-5.01	0.23
European	55.97	59.36	-0.90	1.48
-do- Acc	57.63	61.12	-0.92	1.48
Far East Gen	47.19	50.21	-1.71	...
-do- Acc	47.19	50.21	-1.71	...
Glenfriars	214.70	228.50	-9.70	2.43
-do- Acc	234.40	249.40	-10.60	2.43
Growth	292.10	312.50	-6.10	2.76
-do- Acc	484.60	518.30	-10.10	2.76
Income Growth	313.20	333.20	-6.20	5.13
-do- Acc	390.50	415.50	-7.80	5.13
Master Portfolio	8095.0	8504.0†	-175.0	2.83
-do- Acc	9059.0	9516.0	-196.0	2.83
Special Sits	66.62	70.88	-1.51	2.85
-do- Acc	75.04	79.83	-1.70	2.85
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	968.30	998.30†	-19.70	6.04
-do- Acc	1072.0	1106.0	-20.00	6.04
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Harbour Exchange Square, London				
E14 9GJ. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	142.20	151.70	-7.30	2.10
Capital	442.30	472.00†	-9.30	3.98
European Index	110.90	118.30	-1.50	2.10
Euro Gth	72.22	77.07	-0.85	1.93
Far East Growth	64.56	68.90	-2.26	1.23
Global Bond	20.29	21.64	-0.19	8.52
Gold General	59.60	63.60	-0.53	2.32
Hong Kong	40.66	43.39	-1.55	3.24
Income	421.80	450.10†	-7.70	5.62
Intl Growth	58.88	62.83	-2.31	1.41
Japan Growth	201.40	214.90†	-7.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.52	30.43	-0.96	...
Japan Index	61.84	65.99	-2.00	0.34
Nth American	295.40	315.20	-15.10	1.73
S'pore Mly Gth	32.06	34.21	-1.40	...
Tiger Index	85.81	91.57	-3.20	1.32
Trustee Index	92.42	98.63	-1.67	4.11
UK Index	106.30	113.40	-2.50	4.03
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN.				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	57.97	62.01	-1.13	1.75
European P folio	60.66	64.62	+0.38	1.22
Japanese P folio	45.19	47.98	-0.14	...
Pacific P folio	64.99	69.89	+0.30	2.87
Cazenove P folio	58.92	63.02	-0.41	3.20
UK Income Gth	55.81	60.02	-0.17	6.98
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	544.05	546.45	...	5.29
Fixed Int	141.35	141.90	...	10.22
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.				
071 588 1815				
Income	523.84	528.86	...	5.54
-do- Acc	1921.3	1937.2	...	...
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	...
Fxd Int Inc	114.65	114.87	...	10.10
-do- Acc	131.95	132.21	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	50.96	53.65†	-1.53	2.97
Beckman Intl	63.25	64.99†	-0.03	5.34
Friars Hse Inc	163.50	173.30†	-4.40	5.52
Friars Hse Cap	206.00	218.30	-6.30	2.79
COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS				
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London				
EC3P 3DQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing:				
081 686 9813				
American Gth	73.33	78.01	-4.37	1.23
European Gth	74.37	79.12	-1.23	1.04
Far East Gth	69.88	74.34	-2.35	0.55
Japan Gth Acc	33.79	35.95†	-1.31	...
Managed	51.66	54.96†	-1.01	3.91
-do- Acc	60.40	64.25	-1.17	0.55
Mthly Inc Plus	41.54	44.19	-0.15	9.87
Smaller Cos	28.58	30.40	-0.44	2.39
-do- Acc	30.65	32.61	-0.48	2.39
UK General	59.43	63.22	-0.90	3.17
-do- Acc	68.13	72.48	-1.03	3.17
Wwide Bd	50.02	53.22	-0.23	5.11
-do- Acc	59.89	63.71	-0.28	5.11
Wwide Sp Sits	42.22	45.16	-1.30	0.60
-do- Acc	43.80	46.84	-1.36	4.97
Quilter General	103.38	109.98†	-1.81	1.77
-do- Acc	111.09	118.18	-1.94	1.77
Quilter Income	85.85	91.33	-1.44	4.68
-do- Acc	97.13	103.33	-1.64	4.68
Quilter Intl	102.35	108.88	-3.15	...
-do- Acc	103.29	109.88	-3.18	...
Quilter UK Spec	69.10	73.51	-1.06	3.31
-do- Acc	89.19	94.88	-1.37	3.31
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	84.40	89.79	-1.21	2.96
Fixed Conv	33.63	35.78	-0.17	9.16
-do- Acc	80.62	85.77	-0.43	9.16
Equity Inc	124.59	132.54	-1.63	5.42
-do- Acc	370.44	394.08	-4.82	5.42
High Yield	101.86	108.36	-1.23	6.65
-do- Acc	354.87	377.52	-4.28	6.65
Preference	39.00	41.49	-0.01	9.63
-do- Acc	180.16	191.66	-0.06	9.63
PPT Europe	123.15	131.01	-2.19	0.90
PPT Global Bnd	62.96	66.98	-0.29	5.05
PPT Gold Com	43.97	46.78	-0.41	..
PPT Thai	33.48	35.62	-0.78	0.80
PPT Hong Kong	52.57	55.93	-1.76	1.90
PPT Japan	98.46	104.74	-3.22	...
PPT N Amer	100.77	107.20	-5.49	0.26
PPT S'pore M'ly	66.29	70.52	-2.57	..
PPT UK	98.18	104.45	-1.49	2.12
PPT Cash	84.06	84.06	+0.04	9.93
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.				
0345 090 526				
American	79.70	84.68†	-3.90	..
Capital	135.80	144.30	-2.80	2.08
Convertibles	21.38	22.72	-0.37	8.80
Eurofund	32.92	34.86	-0.45	1.15
Mngd Exempt	144.50	150.60†	+0.50	3.49
Growth Inc	192.00	204.00	-3.50	5.51
High Dist	137.90	146.50†	-2.10	7.68
International	262.50	278.90	-7.30	1.79
Intl Income	60.94	65.05†	-1.39	6.07
Pacific	34.05	36.18†	-1.20	1.11
Smllr Jay Cos	59.37	63.08	-1.95	...
Tokyo	163.60	173.30	-5.40	...
Amer Exempt	164.80	169.30†	+1.70	1.06
Japan Exempt	113.90	117.00	-1.50	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	524.90	539.20†	-9.10	0.09
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ.				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	55.23	56.75†	-1.92	1.46
Japanese Acc	51.94	55.25	-2.26	...
UK Balncd Inc	100.20	106.60	-2.20	3.52
-do- Acc	113.30	120.50	-2.40	3.52
UK Growth Acc	168.50	179.30	-3.60	2.97
UK High Inc	107.40	114.30†	-2.20	8.67
-do- Acc	119.30	126.90†		8.67
N America Acc	74.59	79.35	-4.33	0.12
European Acc	105.70	112.40	-1.50	1.44
UK Fxd F/I Inc	56.71	60.15	-0.09	5.91
-do- Acc	81.27	86.20	-0.14	5.91
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.24	43.87	-1.50	0.66
Environmntl Opp	57.48	61.15	-1.20	2.42
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	144.50	153.50†	..	1.97
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	100.33	105.61†	.	5.07
High Income	101.20	106.53†	...	6.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	111.64	117.52	...	3.34
Special Sits	92.48	97.35	...	4.42
North American	76.47	80.49	...	0.93
Far Eastern	169.23	178.14	...	1.19
Intl Growth	73.18	77.03	..	1.91
European	55.82	58.76	..	2.01
Smaller Cos	57.76	60.80	..	3.13
EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry				
CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	255.40	271.80†	-6.30	3.57
-do- Inc	189.50	201.60†	-4.40	3.57
Higher Inc Acc	442.20	470.50†	-8.00	5.15
-do- Inc	286.20	304.50†	-5.20	5.15
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	142.60	150.20	-0.10	8.70
-do- Inc	82.14	86.47	-0.09	8.70
Nth America	167.80	178.60†	-13.80	...
Far East	217.70	231.80†	-6.60	0.31
Europe	193.80	206.20	-3.50	...
General Inc	343.90	364.90	-13.30	3.54
-do- Acc	362.80	385.10	-13.90	3.54
Brit Excell	53.12	56.51†	-1.43	3.36
Brit Fndmtls Inc	54.28	57.75	-0.75	6.22
Brit Fndmtls Acc	65.63	69.82	-0.91	6.22
Global Opps	54.88	58.39†	-1.92	0.03
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd,				
Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	155.70	164.60†	-8.70	...
Cash Unit Tst	134.06	134.06†	+0.08	10.68
European Inc	92.83	99.86	-0.94	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St,				
London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European Inc	78.85	83.53	-1.25	3.71
Far Eastern	110.20	117.60†	-3.90	...
Overs Income	68.85	73.26	-1.69	3.28
UK Growth	67.99	72.72	-1.36	1.76
UK Income	92.51	98.94†	-2.16	6.57
US Smaller Cos	138.30	147.90†	-4.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT.				
071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	312.70	338.80	...	...
-do- Acc	319.40	346.20	...	...
Capital	260.80	277.40†	...	3.03
-do- Acc	350.80	373.10†	...	3.03
Contl Smllr Cos	41.11	43.83	...	0.12
-do- Acc	41.80	44.57	...	0.12
Convertible	104.90	111.10	...	7.11
-do- Acc	177.10	187.60	...	7.11
European	86.90	92.72	...	0.66
-do- Acc	89.27	95.26	...	0.66
Extra Income	250.80	266.70	...	5.50
-do- Acc	330.50	351.50	...	5.50
Financial	64.12	68.20	...	0.93
-do- Acc	66.35	70.57	...	0.93
Health Fund Inc	105.80	113.70†	...	...
-do- Acc	105.80	113.70†	...	...
Income Tst	161.40	171.60	...	5.23
-do- Acc	206.30	219.40	...	5.23
Intl Growth	253.60	271.90	...	...
-do- Acc	281.70	301.90	...	...
Japan Gen	138.00	147.70	...	...
-do- Acc	139.30	149.20	...	...
Mngd P folio Inc	78.23	82.39	...	2.01
-do- Acc	78.95	83.10	...	2.01
Monthly Income	125.00	132.90†	...	5.54
Recovery	215.00	233.80	...	1.00
-do- Acc	248.50	270.30	...	1.00
Smaller Cos	37.82	40.22	...	3.57
-do- Acc	41.86	44.52	...	3.57
Gilt Gth Inc	62.01	63.94	...	4.96
-do- Acc	67.35	69.45	...	4.96
Gilt Inc Inc	57.80	59.60	...	8.34
-do- Acc	68.01	70.12	...	8.34
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH.				
Dealing: 0722 411411. Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	274.29	291.80†	-5.41	3.86
-do- Acc	538.27	572.63†	-10.61	3.86
Euro Gth Dist	87.14	92.70	-0.91	0.75
-do- Acc	88.81	94.48	-0.94	0.75
Fixed Int Dist	116.95	123.70	-0.07	7.89
-do- Acc	183.45	194.04	-0.11	7.89
Intl Gth Dist	60.43	64.29	-1.62	0.65
-do- Acc	61.90	65.85	-1.67	0.65
Nth Amer Dist	133.54	142.06	-7.08	1.15
-do- Acc	142.33	151.41	-7.53	1.15
Pac Basin Dist	183.48	195.19	-5.45	0.31
-do- Acc	185.75	197.61	-5.51	0.31
Stewardship Dist	243.53	259.07†	-3.67	2.65
-do- Acc	281.44	299.40†	-4.24	2.65
Stwd Inc Dist	51.80	55.11†	-0.75	5.35
-do- Acc	60.83	64.71†	-0.88	5.35
N Am Stwd Dist	67.27	71.56	-3.56	0.26
-do- Acc	70.93	75.46	-3.75	0.26
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London				
EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing:				
071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	88.76	94.93	-3.60	...
UK Capital Inc	141.70	151.60	-2.10	4.20
-do- Acc	233.00	249.20	-3.70	4.20
Uk Spec Sits	55.24	59.08†	-0.91	1.93
Income	97.34	104.10	-1.70	7.86
International	181.30	193.90	-5.20	1.30
US General	64.38	68.59	-3.07	0.67
Japan General	336.30	357.10	-11.60	...
Far East General	180.10	192.70	-6.40	0.32
European	311.70	332.70	-5.00	1.16
Germany	85.95	89.14†	-1.20	0.44
Intl Income	54.95	58.59	-1.05	5.70
W wide Spec Sits	92.11	98.52	-2.78	0.13
Global Assets In	48.23	51.59	-0.99	2.91
Global Assets Ac	49.62	53.29	-1.02	2.91
Smllr Cos Div	43.64	46.68	-0.50	5.99
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/19 Monument Street,				
London EC3R 8AJ 071 623 1212. Dealing:				
0277 264421. Services 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Growth	34.31	36.69	-0.40	2.75
Cash Trust*	117.26	117.26†	+0.07	10.29
Pract Inv Inc	89.68	95.10	-0.75	3.68
-do- Acc	182.56	195.78	-1.52	3.68
UK Smaller Cos	101.11	108.43†	-2.00	2.10
Income Trusts				
Preference Share	21.65	23.58†	+0.39	10.69
High Inc	30.01	32.10	-0.41	6.04
Income	101.74	108.81	-2.02	4.37
Intl Fxd Int	23.66	24.90	-0.09	6.83
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	64.92	69.62	-1.50	0.95
Euroventures	16.44	17.52	-0.20	0.63
Frontier Markets	31.79	34.09	-0.48	0.53
Global Inc Gth	87.92	94.26†	-2.19	3.01
UK Intl	90.25	96.52	-2.53	2.25
Overseas Trusts				
American	86.04	91.97	-4.68	1.47
European	62.40	66.20	+1.12	1.62
Euro Sel Opps	79.28	84.29	-1.19	1.79
American Emerg	42.92	45.92	-2.58	0.02
Hong Kong	55.62	59.62	-1.64	2.40
Japan	152.79	162.62	-4.69	...
Pacific Growth	55.98	92.20	-2.87	1.23
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing:				
071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	100.47	107.45	-3.42	0.75
American Gth	79.78	85.32	-4.17	0.25
European Gth	57.19	61.11	-1.09	1.23
German Hrzn	40.93	43.73	-0.42	0.74
Japan Gth	63.56	67.97	-1.83	...
Pacific Inc	92.35	98.77	-3.08	2.60
Pacific Strategy	62.46	66.80	-2.28	0.51
UK Prog Inc	66.44	71.05	-1.19	7.48
Gt British Cos	43.87	46.91	-0.97	2.40
UK Small Cos	39.38	42.12	-0.56	2.86
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London				
E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	120.10	120.10†	+0.10	10.49
Gilt Fixed	110.10	116.80	+0.10	8.02
Growth Equity	248.70	265.70†	-4.50	3.22
Guardhill	352.20	376.20	-6.80	3.30
Income Trust	94.07	100.50	-2.10	5.81
International	117.90	125.90	-4.40	0.36
Managed	99.22	106.00	-2.70	2.22
Nth American	174.30	186.20†	-9.70	0.62
Pacific	285.30	304.80†	-9.50	...
Prop Shares	200.90	214.60	-1.30	4.56
Small Cos	223.20	238.40†	-3.80	2.15
European	302.70	323.30	-3.90	0.50
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW.				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	29.18	30.94	-0.20	2.49
-do- Acc	29.84	31.64	-0.30	2.49
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Amer Equity Inc	50.35	53.42†	-2.00	5.02
Canadian	50.62	54.23†	-0.56	0.33
Equity Income	88.98	94.66†	-1.48	6.32
European	118.50	125.50	-1.60	0.49
High Income	58.43	62.16	-0.79	8.41
Ind Situation	61.18	65.43	-1.41	...
Japan Far East	86.25	91.51†	-2.65	...
North American	74.59	79.14†	-2.87	0.54
Scandinavian	95.50	101.20	+0.20	1.25
Smaller Cos	26.14	27.81	-0.38	2.80
UK New Centrn	35.82	38.11	-0.40	2.39
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex				
CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing:				
0277 690370				
Amer Smaller	60.24	64.81†	-3.79	...
Asian Enterprise	72.77	78.04	-2.27	1.87
Australian	118.72	126.91	-4.06	3.88
European	286.26	303.39†	-4.91	0.84
European Inc	57.67	61.00	-0.79	2.86
Euro Smll Co	102.65	109.04†	-0.42	1.05
Extra Income	224.29	238.77	-3.72	6.82
Family of Funds	55.90	59.50	-0.09	1.61
Fixed Interest	50.09	54.34	+0.03	8.78
Global Resour	69.34	74.43	-1.42	1.92
High Inc	247.03	264.07†	-4.44	6.31
Income Gth	201.24	214.31	-3.85	5.63
-do- Acc	475.97	506.89	-9.11	5.63
International	178.45	189.59†	-5.11	1.37
Japan Spc Sit	179.05	189.93†	-6.11	...
Japan	154.85	164.68	-5.80	...
N Amer	160.30	170.76	-9.01	0.45
Pacific Smllr Cos	117.44	125.79†	-3.94	0.10
Pref Gilt	39.80	43.67†	-0.06	12.25
Smaller Cos Div	142.14	154.92†	-1.49	5.52
Special Sits	215.47	230.61	-4.67	2.02
-do- Acc	323.61	346.35	-7.02	2.02
Best of British	47.00	50.38†	-1.04	3.80
Spirit of the East	38.63	41.30†	-1.23	0.62
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.				
081 686 4355				
British	73.89	79.02†	-1.75	3.51
Capital	127.30	136.10	-3.10	3.00
Dollar	217.90	233.00†	-10.20	0.71
European	161.40	172.60	-0.40	1.44
Far East	156.30	167.10	-5.80	1.91
Financial	484.90	518.60	-10.00	3.79
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	23.51	24.42	-0.01	9.64
High Yield	87.15	93.20	-1.57	6.40
Income	108.80	116.30†	-3.80	4.90
Intl	164.50	175.90	-5.00	1.19
Japan Tech	54.38	58.16	-1.46	...
Nat Resources	50.05	53.52	-1.39	1.54
Security	245.30	262.30	-5.40	3.22
Smaller Cos	88.72	94.88†	-1.43	2.13
Special Sits	119.20	127.40	-2.40	3.37
US Smaller Cos	46.36	49.58	-3.95	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN.				
071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	177.40	186.70	-5.20	2.09
Capital Gwth	92.90	97.80	...	2.92
Inv Trusts	97.96	103.10	...	0.92
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YR.				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great British	40.88	43.86	-0.74	2.95
Smaller Cos	21.82	23.18	-0.33	2.38
Special Features	22.39	23.78	-0.56	2.49
-do- Acc	25.66	27.26	-0.64	2.49
General Funds				
UK Growth	43.66	46.38†	-0.83	3.09
Assets Earnings	60.92	64.72	-1.31	3.45
do Acc	68.82	73.12	-1.47	3.45
Managed Invest	68.43	73.09	-2.05	1.15
Rupert Children	63.38	67.69	-1.35	2.98
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.09	51.09	+0.03	10.50
Extra Inc	70.35	75.96	-1.02	6.58
Gilt	25.60	26.97	-0.04	7.86
Income Gth	31.81	34.13†	-0.56	4.75
MIMstar	68.81	70.55†	-0.02	9.67
Preference	14.63	15.54†	-0.34	10.20
UK Income	253.20	271.90	-4.40	4.87
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	35.89	38.13†	-0.98	0.75
Fincl Sec	43.12	45.81	-0.97	3.26
Gold	35.77	38.25†	-0.53	2.23
-do- Acc	38.09	40.73	-0.17	2.21
Intl Leisure	20.08	21.33	-0.66	0.32
Property Shares	50.66	53.82	-1.24	2.67
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	114.70	121.00†	-2.30	5.73
European Acc	90.82	96.34	-0.98	2.03
European Dis	88.38	93.75	-0.95	2.03
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	33.48	35.64	-1.43	1.79
European Perf	86.17	91.43	-1.15	1.44
-do- Acc	87.27	92.59	-1.17	1.44
Euro Small Cos	17.61	18.73†	-0.10	1.36
French Growth	50.19	53.26	-0.81	2.05
-do- Acc	52.35	55.56	-0.84	2.05
Hong K/China	36.15	38.40	-1.00	2.90
Intl Growth	39.03	41.46†	-1.17	1.74
Japan Perf	29.37	31.17	-1.01	...
Accum Units	29.37	31.17	-1.01	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.51	30.30	-1.21	...
Singapore Asean	50.65	54.79	-2.35	1.30
-do- Acc	50.96	55.13	-2.36	1.30
South East Asia	140.70	150.80	-4.90	1.69
US Smllr Cos	79.28	84.25	-4.08	...
-do- Acc	80.12	85.12	-4.13	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	62.55	66.56	-1.71	4.45
Intl Bond	44.79	47.21	-0.12	7.53
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF.				
061 236 5362				
Equity General	56.74	60.37	-1.34	4.20
Gilt Fixed Int	68.03	71.99	-0.24	8.67
Higher Income	155.10	164.60	-2.60	6.64
Income	80.73	86.35†	-1.60	6.23
International	68.65	73.82†	-1.68	2.72
Smaller Cos	57.93	61.96	-0.89	3.73
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3.				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	63.06	63.37†	+0.04	10.69
Extra Income	45.35	48.24	-1.69	6.86
Gilt Yield	109.80	115.90	+0.10	9.05
Global Income	156.30	166.30†	-5.72	4.81
High Yield	108.60	115.50†	-3.97	6.34
Smllr Cos Div	39.56	42.09†	-2.32	6.65
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	63.46	67.51	-4.20	0.36
North American	53.67	57.10	-3.03	1.46
European	110.30	117.30	+0.20	0.78
Euro Special	69.56	74.00	-0.95	1.34
Fund of Inv Tsts	26.39	28.07	-0.63	2.71
General	239.90	255.20	-4.80	3.73
Intl Recovery	102.80	109.40†	-3.30	1.86
Japan	335.90	357.30	-9.80	...
Japanese Special	182.20	193.80	-4.20	...
Master Acc	188.40	200.40	-6.50	1.10
Pacific	189.50	201.60†	-6.10	0.42
Smaller Cos	87.04	92.60	-1.69	3.97
UK Equity Gth	28.18	29.98	-0.64	3.64
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB.				
031 550 5151				
European	54.31	57.78	-0.60	1.55
Extra Income	21.13	22.48	-0.85	5.70
Far East	18.03	19.18	-0.65	0.95
Income Gwth	57.88	61.57	-1.27	4.37
Intl Growth	37.82	40.23	-1.49	1.70
Japan	46.52	49.49	-1.17	...
Maximum Dist*	98.62	100.60†	...	10.30
N Amer Equity	27.32	29.06†	-1.42	1.36
UK Equity	68.20	72.55†	-1.46	4.23
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1.				
071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	45.19	48.08	-0.96	5.13
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex.				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	359.90	382.40	-8.90	3.73
Equity Acc	655.70	697.50	-16.30	3.73
Equity Income	79.85	84.95	-1.66	5.37
European	78.72	83.74	-1.12	1.10
Far Eastern	122.30	130.10	-4.30	...
Fixed Interest	45.19	48.07	-0.12	8.09
Gilt	80.87	85.58†	-0.06	7.60
Global Growth	50.06	53.26	-1.51	0.77
Intl Bond	43.90	46.70	-0.42	5.18
Japanese	53.21	56.61†	-1.75	...
Overseas Equity	77.07	81.99	-2.58	0.76
Nat Resources	72.79	77.44†	-2.20	0.84
North American	95.48	101.60	-4.90	1.54
UK Recovery	59.10	62.87†	-1.03	3.21
UK Special Sits	88.85	94.52	-1.25	2.68
Worldwide	61.91	65.86†	-1.11	3.77
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent				
ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	267.90	282.00†	-5.20	3.85
-do- Acc	562.10	591.70	-10.80	3.85
Contl Euro Gth	40.11	42.23†	-0.55	1.76
-do- Acc	41.90	44.11	-0.59	1.76
Energy Intl	54.83	58.33	-1.39	0.17
-do- Acc	65.80	70.00	-1.66	0.17
Extra Inc	205.70	216.60†	-5.30	5.66
-do- Acc	479.80	505.10	+0.90	5.66
German Gth	86.83	91.40†	-0.79	0.60
-do- Acc	90.51	95.28	-0.82	0.60
Income	387.90	408.40†	-6.70	5.10
-do- Acc	946.20	996.00	-16.00	5.10
Intl Tech	182.20	191.80†	-7.00	0.16
-do- Acc	194.90	205.20	-7.50	0.16
Japan Growth	79.91	85.02	-2.40	0.02
-do- Acc	80.19	85.31	-2.41	0.02
Master Trust	43.56	45.84	-0.78	3.73
-do- Acc	46.36	48.78	-0.84	3.73
N American Gen	136.90	145.70	-7.90	0.76
-do- Acc	157.40	167.50	-9.10	0.76
NAm Sm Co Rec	93.42	98.34†	-7.06	0.01
-do- Acc	95.35	100.40	-7.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	150.70	160.40	-4.80	0.21
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00	-5.10	0.21
Small Cos Rec	258.50	272.20†	-3.40	2.50
-do- Acc	325.30	342.50	-4.30	2.50
UK Growth	72.89	76.73	-1.20	3.31
-do- Acc	81.62	85.92	-1.35	3.31
Worldwide Gth	213.90	225.20	-7.60	1.13
-do- Acc	311.90	328.40	-11.00	1.13
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS.				
0392 282673				
General	64.62	69.34†	-1.36	4.00
Income	51.39	55.14	-1.00	6.60
International	42.30	45.39	-1.30	1.70
American	41.20	44.21	-2.23	1.40
Japan	38.92	41.76	-1.09	...
Tst of Inv Tsts	42.43	45.53†	-0.97	2.60
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.				
071 626 4588. Dealing: 0245 266266				
American Gen	269.70	285.10	-14.10	0.84
-do- Acc	330.70	349.60	-17.40	0.84
American Rec	258.70	273.60†	-12.90	0.70
-do- Acc	294.70	311.70	-14.70	0.70
Am Sm Co Acc	79.60	84.20	-5.40	...
Australia Acc	126.20	133.50	-4.60	1.51
Capital	499.00	527.70	-10.90	4.48
-do- Acc	526.80	557.10	-11.50	4.48
Commodity Acc	340.30	359.90	-8.10	2.11
Compnd Gth	643.60	680.60	-15.20	4.41
Dividend	27.60	29.50	-0.60	6.34
-do- Acc	99.50	106.40	-2.20	6.34
Equity Inc	235.90	252.40	-5.10	6.90
European Div	47.80	50.70	-0.50	5.62
-do- Acc	386.10	411.10	-3.80	1.52
Extra Yield	307.90	325.60	-6.80	6.74
-do- Acc	832.00	879.80	-18.30	6.74
Far Eastern	184.80	195.40	-5.80	1.00
-do- Acc	239.10	252.80	-7.50	1.00
Fund of Inv	392.00	417.50†	-9.60	2.94
-do- Acc	691.80	736.80	-16.90	2.94
General	45.00	47.60	-0.80	5.14
-do- Acc	111.30	117.70	-2.00	5.14
Gilt Fxd Int	57.80	60.70†	-0.20	9.67
do Acc	130.00	136.60	-0.20	9.67
Gold	35.20	37.20	-0.20	2.04
-do- Acc	40.40	42.70	-0.20	2.04
High Inc	20.20	21.40	-0.40	6.60
-do- Acc	68.80	72.80	-1.40	6.60
Intl Growth	51.90	54.90	-1.60	1.11
-do- Acc	88.40	93.50	-2.80	1.11
Intl Inc	66.60	70.90†	-1.30	5.97
Japan Gen Acc	40.30	42.70	-1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	120.30	127.30	-3.50	...
Midland	43.90	46.40†	-1.00	5.65
-do- Acc	132.10	139.60	-3.00	5.65
Recovery	27.80	29.40	-0.80	4.88
-do- Acc	41.70	44.20	-1.30	4.88
Second Gen	48.40	51.20	-0.60	5.16
-do- Acc	111.10	117.50	-1.50	5.16
Smaller Cos	52.80	55.80	-0.80	4.33
-do- Acc	94.70	100.10	-1.60	4.33
Trustee	30.60	32.40†	-0.40	5.64
Charibond 3	‡102.28	...†	-0.20	10.54
Charifund 2	512.80	518.00†	-9.70	7.07
Pension ex 1	703.80	721.40†	-13.40	5.53
NAACIF Inc 3	‡41.83	...†	...	9.39
-do- Acc 3	‡864.49	...	...	9.39
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG.				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	109.70	117.30	-2.50	3.22
-do- Acc	117.40	125.50	-2.80	3.22
UK Income	93.10	99.57	-1.93	4.29
-do- Acc	99.09	105.90	-2.20	4.29
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh				
EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	46.97	50.23	-0.79	1.49
Far East (Pacific)	90.94	96.53	-2.96	1.32
Income Growth	60.86	64.60†	-1.51	4.35
European	54.37	57.71	-0.28	1.08
Nth American	36.76	39.02	-1.80	0.81
UK Growth	57.25	60.77†	-2.51	2.31
Intl Growth	68.04	72.23†	-1.62	1.23
Charities	88.54	93.99†	-2.29	5.58
High Yield	43.97	46.67†	-1.25	7.12
Intl Income	49.05	52.07	-1.30	6.17
Japan	38.01	40.35	-0.93	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS.				
071 280 2060				
American Gth	128.40	137.00†	-6.20	0.75
-do- Acc	137.20	146.40†	-6.60	0.75
American Inc	34.30	36.50	-0.80	6.94
-do- Acc	48.23	51.34	-1.29	6.94
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	10.20
-do- Acc	117.50	117.50	+0.10	10.20
European Gth	155.50	165.10	+0.20	1.06
-do- Acc	165.00	175.30	+0.20	1.06
General	388.60	414.60	-7.60	2.73
-do- Acc	711.00	758.40	-13.80	2.73
Global Dist	104.70	110.10	-0.20	6.36
-do- Acc	108.60	114.30	-0.10	6.36
Govt Securities	87.52	92.00	-0.07	7.93
-do- Acc	139.70	147.00	-0.10	7.93
Income	114.30	122.00†	-2.90	5.79
-do- Acc	156.90	167.30†	-2.60	5.79
International	280.70	298.60	-6.50	1.14
-do- Acc	367.10	390.60	-8.40	1.14
Japan	152.80	162.20	-5.50	...
-do- Acc	156.80	166.50	-5.70	...
Recovery	234.80	250.50†	-5.50	4.12
-do- Acc	286.20	305.30†	-6.90	4.12
European Inc	60.90	64.79	+0.22	5.14
-do- Acc	73.83	78.56	+0.28	5.14
Amer Smllr Cos	53.31	56.87†	-3.02	...
-do- Acc	54.04	57.65†	-3.06	...
Brit Blue Chip	60.41	64.44†	-1.24	3.71
-do- Acc	68.55	73.12†	-1.40	3.71
Portfolio	59.59	63.48	-1.14	3.36
-do- Acc	64.84	69.09	-1.22	3.36
High Income	46.05	49.12†	-0.89	7.33
-do- Acc	57.28	61.09†	-1.10	7.33
Pacific	52.66	56.18	-1.60	1.95
-do- Acc	55.07	58.75	-1.67	1.95
UK Smaller Cos	43.34	46.23	-0.72	2.68
-do- Acc	47.11	50.25	-0.80	2.68
Am Sm Cos Eqty	55.47	56.90†	-3.41	...
-do- Acc	55.93	57.36†	-3.43	...
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield,				
S1 3RD. 0742 529888				
British Dis	66.13	70.73	-1.63	2.87
-do- Acc	71.07	76.01	-1.75	2.87
Capital	85.01	90.92	-1.39	3.08
-do- Acc	127.80	136.70	-2.00	3.08
European Gth	135.70	144.60†	-2.20	1.32
-do- Acc	169.60	180.70	-1.60	1.32
Extra High Inc	60.63	64.84	-0.87	7.71
-do- Acc	95.34	102.00	-1.30	7.71
Gilt Fixed Int	51.54	53.66	+0.02	9.81
-do- Acc	122.70	127.80	+0.10	9.81
High Yield	183.20	195.90†	-2.80	6.31
-do- Acc	400.40	428.20	-6.30	6.31
Income	238.40	255.00	-0.60	4.80
-do- Acc	469.10	501.70	-1.30	4.80
Intl High St Dis	60.61	64.82	-1.55	1.54
-do- Acc	64.03	68.48	-1.65	1.54
Japan Gth	251.50	269.00	-9.10	...
-do- Acc	264.90	283.30	-9.60	...
Mandarin Acc	60.39	64.59	-1.91	1.77
North American	121.20	129.60†	-5.70	1.39
-do- Acc	152.30	162.90	-6.10	1.39
Mngd Port Acc	67.74	72.45	-1.65	1.90
Meridian Gth	119.50	127.80	-3.10	1.88
Meridian Inc	95.38	102.00	-2.30	4.24
Smaller Cos	111.30	119.00	-2.00	2.68
-do- Acc	130.00	139.00	-2.30	2.68
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT.				
Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	165.50	176.90	-8.80	0.81
Cash Inc	100.21	100.21†	+0.05	10.47
Cash Acc	112.09	112.09†	+0.06	10.47
Euro Gth Acc	195.70	208.50	-2.30	...
Europe	101.40	108.70	-1.30	...
Intl Gth	137.90	147.00†	-4.90	...
Japan Tracker	60.38	64.03†	-1.89	...
UK Equity Inc	112.10	120.30†	-2.10	4.49
-do- Acc	129.30	138.70†	-2.40	4.49
UK Ind Tracker	120.30	128.40	-2.80	3.83
US Eq Ind Trkr	135.40	145.40	-7.20	3.10
-do- Acc	140.60	151.00	-7.50	3.10
Asian Trader	79.04	84.96†	-2.81	1.84
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX.				
0345 090 933				
American Inc	126.60	133.60	-4.80	3.57
European	52.77	56.24	-0.46	1.14
Far Eastern	105.40	112.40	-2.90	0.93
Olympiad	45.45	48.31	-1.39	0.68
Olympiad Inc	42.22	44.97†	-1.29	5.63
Smaller Cos	47.70	50.90†	-0.81	3.16
Equity Income	80.45	85.85	-1.73	5.86
UK Growth	74.82	79.86	-0.99	1.55
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour,				
Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing:				
0705 387730				
American Acc	34.44	36.73	-1.54	1.12
Australian Acc	231.40	248.20	-7.40	2.17
Conscience	53.18	56.75	-1.19	1.37
-do- Acc	56.16	59.93	-1.25	1.37
European	138.60	147.80†	-2.10	1.06
-do- Acc	147.20	157.00	-2.20	1.06
Extra Income	62.45	66.64	-0.86	9.17
-do- Acc	87.69	93.58	-1.19	9.17
Far East Gth	98.01	104.70†	-3.20	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	53.22	56.34	+0.06	8.09
Gold	27.85	29.94†	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	29.99	32.24	-0.08	...
Income	45.06	48.06	-0.81	6.06
-do- Acc	125.60	133.90	-2.30	6.06
International	23.39	25.09†	-0.82	0.44
-do- Acc	33.44	35.87	-1.17	0.44
Jap Sm Cos Acc	313.90	334.80	-12.90	...
S'pore Mly Acc	94.63	101.40	-4.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.08	26.86	-0.36	2.42
Special Sits	25.88	27.82†	-0.56	0.93
-do- Acc	29.08	31.26	-0.63	0.93
Tokyo	64.65	68.96	-2.24	...
-do- Acc	65.30	69.65	-2.27	...
US Smllr Co Acc	57.95	61.97†	-3.66	...
UK Equity	135.50	144.50	-2.70	4.23
-do- Acc	241.80	257.90	-4.80	4.23
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA.				
071 407 4404				
General	126.82	134.92†	-2.04	2.89
Global	217.48	231.37†	-3.49	1.07
Income	155.98	165.94†	-2.03	5.27
International	101.41	107.89†	+0.03	7.47
Cash	101.64	101.64†	+0.35	10.17
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Thorpewood, Peterborough				
PE3 6GD. Dealing: 0800 626577. Enquiries:				
0733 67767				
Growth	116.70	122.80	-2.50	3.11
-do- Acc	197.40	207.70	-4.20	3.11
Income	178.50	189.80†	-3.50	4.92
Intl Equity	172.30	183.30	-4.40	1.56
-do- Acc	186.70	198.50	-4.80	1.56
Equity	185.20	196.90	-3.90	3.01
-do- Acc	362.60	385.70	-7.60	3.01
UK Intl 25 Acc	54.49	57.96	-1.11	2.65
UK Income	49.27	52.41	-0.77	4.74
UK Smllr Co Acc	53.55	56.96	-0.96	2.23
New Europe Acc	51.23	54.50	-0.64	1.41
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames.				
0491 576868				
Asian Smllr Mkt	44.12	47.19	-1.62	1.33
PEP Gth Inc	69.08	73.89	-2.23	2.28
Intl Gth	341.89	365.77	-13.85	0.56
Income	222.61	238.09†	-4.45	4.78
W wide Recov	206.58	220.95	-8.46	1.13
American Gth	127.91	136.81	-6.85	0.15
Intl Emerg Cos	109.66	117.29	-4.53	0.81
Far East Gth	119.21	127.50	-3.88	1.22
European Gth	84.77	90.67	-1.59	1.71
UK Growth	55.52	59.38	-0.52	3.94
High Income	62.67	67.03	-1.09	5.82
Japanese Gth	148.29	158.26	-4.75	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London.				
EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	145.80	155.10†	-4.00	1.54
High Income	82.71	87.99†	-1.43	5.16
Conv Gilt	97.74	104.00†	-0.90	8.23
Far East	212.40	226.40	-7.70	0.94
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent				
ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	35.98	38.28	-1.88	0.77
Emerging Mkts	37.83	40.24	-0.90	0.37
General	41.03	43.65	-1.00	3.90
International	66.83	71.10	-2.56	1.60
Gilt Units	23.72	24.45†	+0.02	8.81
Global PEP	28.01	29.80†	-0.89	2.53
Income Gth	55.89	59.46†	-1.27	6.19
European	36.79	39.14	-0.81	1.36
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.55	23.99	-0.17	7.90
UK Smaller Cos	21.10	22.45	-0.36	3.27
PRUDENTIAL-HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL.				
081 478 3377				
Holb Trust	23.33	24.95	-0.65	1.65
Holb Cash Haven	107.22	107.22	+0.06	10.80
Holb Equity	559.87	598.79†	-10.36	3.28
Holb Equity Inc	64.67	69.16†	-0.82	5.23
Holb European	138.42	148.04	-1.57	2.27
Holb Global Gth	60.18	64.36	-1.56	2.47
Holb High Inc	73.36	78.45	-0.80	6.29
Holb Intl	118.76	127.01	-3.86	1.38
Holb Intl Sm Co	50.59	54.10†	-1.79	1.56
Holb Japanese	136.12	145.58	-4.29	...
Holb Nth Amer	90.97	97.29†	-5.10	1.02
Holb Pacific Mkt	50.32	53.81	-1.79	2.51
Holb Premr Inc	43.95	45.75†	-0.03	8.40
Holb Smllr Cos	69.87	74.72†	-0.83	2.65
Holb Spec Sits	83.12	88.89	-1.54	3.17
Holb UK Growth	91.85	98.23	-1.59	3.45
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR.				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	123.34	133.01†	-1.91	4.61
Japan	188.08	201.74	-4.84	...
Major UK Cos	79.00	85.02	-1.48	2.78
Smllr Austrln	65.80	70.66	-1.69	2.23
America Income	325.79	349.09	-15.90	1.13
-do- Acc	376.39	403.31	-18.36	1.13
Smllr UK Cos	196.38	214.01	-2.09	2.55
Smllr Canadian	42.78	46.83	-0.68	...
Smllr European	198.52	212.20	-2.47	1.32
SAVE & PROSPER				
28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB.				
0708 766966				
Amer Inc Gth	50.84	54.08†	-1.89	5.95
Capital Units	114.20	121.40	-3.20	2.20
Commodity	80.09	85.20	-3.17	1.90
European Gth	122.00	129.70†	-1.30	0.77
Financial Sec	114.70	122.00†	-4.10	2.68
High Return	214.70	228.30	-4.40	7.18
High Yield	199.90	212.60	-3.30	5.43
Income Units	95.19	101.20	-1.60	8.24
Investment	132.40	140.80†	-3.30	1.55
Japan Gth	104.80	111.40	-3.70	...
Japan Smaller	166.10	176.70	-5.90	...
Masterfund	37.64	40.04	-0.17	1.88
Scotbits	166.10	176.70	-4.10	3.10
Scotshares	235.90	250.90†	-7.60	3.57
Scotyields	197.30	209.80	-6.40	6.09
Select Intl	98.82	105.10†	-2.80	0.50
Smaller Cos	208.90	222.20	-3.30	5.92
Special Situation	94.25	100.20	-2.20	2.08
UK Equity	211.90	225.40	-5.40	4.14
US Growth	97.12	103.30	-6.80	0.46
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS.				
Dealing: 071 606 8484. Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
American	174.20	185.80	...	0.94
-do- Acc	187.30	199.70	...	0.94
Australian	116.00	123.70	-4.20	1.23
-do- Acc	133.50	142.40	-4.90	1.23
Enterprise	153.40	163.60	-3.50	3.87
-do- Acc	170.10	181.40	-3.90	3.87
European Gth	51.00	54.39	-0.85	1.01
-do- Acc	51.73	55.17	-0.86	1.01
Euro Smllr Cos	48.53	51.76	-0.41	0.17
-do- Acc	48.69	51.93	-0.41	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	47.02	50.15	-1.95	0.28
-do- Acc	47.70	50.87	-1.98	0.20
Fixed Interest	48.39	51.00	+0.02	8.60
-do- Acc	54.78	57.73	+0.03	8.69
Gilt Income	95.63	100.70	+0.10	9.45
-do- Acc	120.50	127.00	+0.20	9.45
Income	239.90	255.80	-5.30	5.83
-do- Acc	660.80	704.80	-14.40	5.83
Japan Enterprise	47.50	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	47.50	50.00	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	369.10	393.70	-12.10	...
-do- Acc	369.90	394.50	-12.10	...
Pacific Gth	50.03	53.36	-1.66	1.71
-do- Acc	50.83	54.21	-1.68	1.71
Smaller Cos	154.00	164.20	-2.50	1.76
-do- Acc	173.40	184.90	-2.80	1.76
Tokyo	79.20	84.47	-2.18	0.19
-do- Acc	79.99	85.32	-2.20	0.19
UK Equity	165.50	176.50	-3.70	3.87
-do- Acc	293.70	313.20	-6.60	3.87
US Smllr Cos	69.59	74.22	...	...
-do- Acc	69.59	74.22	...	...
World Fd	55.67	59.38	-1.35	2.04
-do- Acc	57.41	61.23	-1.40	2.04
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ.				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	36.51	38.88	-1.27	5.33
Equity Strategy	52.38	55.78	-1.90	3.45
European Opps	58.33	62.12	-1.74	1.17
Maximum Inc	99.56	102.14	+0.06	9.96
UK Smaller Cos	44.07	46.93	-1.59	3.65
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	280.80	300.30	-6.40	3.96
American	169.80	180.40	-9.40	1.18
Pacific	241.60	258.40	-8.00	0.54
European	353.50	378.10	-4.80	1.52
Worldwide	64.52	69.00	-1.66	1.69
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN.				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	258.00	274.50	-4.90	3.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	204.40	217.50	-3.50	2.76
European	257.90	274.40†	-4.70	1.08
North American	175.60	186.90†	-9.40	0.95
Income Plus Inc	54.55	58.04	-0.93	5.59
UK Spec Sits	59.04	62.81	-1.24	2.47
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA.				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	21.26	22.75†	-0.43	4.23
Intl Growth Acc	22.41	23.99†	-0.54	0.93
Global Inc Acc	22.81	24.41	-0.24	5.61
Market Ldrs Acc	21.70	23.23	-0.36	4.76
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London				
EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	53.32	57.02	-3.33	...
Euro Spec Sits	35.15	37.40†	-0.36	...
-do- Acc	36.68	39.03	-0.38	...
Far East Opps	18.70	20.08	-0.62	...
-do- Acc	19.07	20.49	-0.63	...
General Growth	81.81	87.26	-1.52	2.17
Global Tech	80.58	86.80†	-5.51	...
Income Growth	84.89	90.30	-1.53	5.43
Income Monthly	50.53	53.89	-0.83	6.61
Japan Growth	68.94	73.21	-2.59	...
Mngd Eqty Plan	32.94	35.28	-0.66	2.35
-do- Acc	37.19	39.82	-0.75	2.35
Overseas Gth	58.22	61.91†	-1.77	...
Smaller Cos	69.94	75.20†	-1.27	3.12
Special Opps	73.91	79.47	-1.11	4.19
Wld Spec Sits	33.01	35.52	-0.93	...
-do- Acc	33.04	35.55	-0.94	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ.				
0800 393777				
Managed	35.74	37.98	-0.30	2.43
Equity Gth Acc	48.83	51.99	-0.30	2.09
UK Eq General	46.68	49.60	-0.30	3.24
-do- Acc	36.53	38.82	-0.30	3.24
European Acc	35.16	37.36	-0.20	1.52
Far East Acc	42.04	44.67	-0.23	..
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.66	29.28†	-0.10	7.63
N American Acc	33.65	35.76	-1.20	0.73
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	214.10	232.40	-2.80	2.19
UK Eq High Inc	31.94	33.94†	-0.30	5.80
-do- Acc	35.91	38.16	-0.30	5.80
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.80	304.60	-1.70	4.45
UK Lgr Cos Acc	302.80	328.80	-2.10	4.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	279.70	299.30†	-7.10	1.30
British	809.10	856.00	-12.10	6.05
European	312.10	332.30	-2.80	1.55
Japan	109.90	116.70	-1.50	...
New Pacific	166.50	177.20	-4.80	1.95
Mngd Cash	96.36	99.24	+0.04	10.06
Majority Stg	100.39	101.38	+0.06	9.99
PEP	147.00	155.60	...	..
Saints PPP	288.50	303.70	...	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 56293				
Equity Acc	600.80	642.60	-14.30	3.24
N America Acc	74.63	79.82	-3.08	1.00
Far East Acc	87.06	93.10	-2.80	0.98
W wide Bond	47.03	50.03†	-0.20	5.51
European	65.39	69.94†	-1.11	1.40
Equity Income	67.50	72.19	-1.24	5.77
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ.				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	24.42	26.12	-1.30	0.38
Managed Assets	100.85	107.87	-1.71	3.85
UK Income	31.72	33.93	-0.53	4.80
UK Growth	31.37	33.56	-0.60	3.52
Worldwide Gth	22.79	24.38†	-0.83	1.05
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE.				
0264 346794				
American	143.98	153.17	-10.77	0.05
-do- Acc	158.14	168.23	-11.83	0.05
British Gth	72.20	76.80	-1.81	3.25
-do- Acc	82.19	87.43	-2.07	3.25
European	71.45	76.01	-1.14	1.26
-do- Acc	74.77	79.54	-1.19	1.26
Extra Inc	157.36	167.40	-4.59	5.51
-do- Acc	234.08	249.02	-6.82	5.51
General Unit	224.30	238.61	-5.49	3.59
-do- Acc	424.91	452.03	-10.39	3.59
Income	285.15	303.35	-5.35	5.51
-do- Acc	543.29	577.96	-10.21	5.51
International	378.20	402.34†	-13.45	0.56
-do- Acc	490.52	521.82†	-17.67	0.56
Pacific	217.49	231.37	-6.50	0.98
-do- Acc	227.25	241.25	-6.80	0.98
Premier Income	44.35	46.89†	-0.95	8.92
-do- Acc	84.05	87.59†	-1.80	8.92
Nat Resources	61.79	65.73†	-2.39	0.90
-do- Acc	67.44	71.74†	-2.61	0.90
Selected Opps	76.83	81.73	-3.42	2.82
-do- Acc	94.04	100.04	-1.74	2.82
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
The Exchange, 66 High St, Aylesbury,				
Bucks. HP20 1SE. [illegible]				
American Eagle	75.57	81.06	-4.77	1.08
Australia	6.747	7.230	-0.375	1.56
Equity	162.40	174.40	-3.00	4.66
Euro Spec Sits	114.50	121.80	-1.50	0.71
Financial	28.26	30.40†	-0.64	4.68
Global Opps Inc	66.52	71.34†	-2.23	1.49
-do- Acc	67.05	72.89	-2.28	1.49
Gold Gen Inc	36.33	39.10†	-1.11	1.06
-do- Acc	68.28	73.60	-2.31	1.06
Income	182.10	188.60†	-2.40	6.38
Japan General	126.30	135.90	-4.20	...
Preference	19.65	21.30†	+0.12	10.36
UK Capital	90.51	97.40	-1.65	3.86
Worldwide Cap	168.90	180.70	-4.30	2.53
World Income	65.94	70.70†	-1.99	4.60
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF.				
071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
American Opps	65.59	69.95	-2.60	0.16
-do- Acc	67.65	72.15	-2.68	0.16
Cash	50.52	50.52	+0.02	10.00
-do- Acc	55.82	55.82	+0.01	10.00
European Opps	53.77	57.26†	-0.73	...
-do- Acc	54.10	57.62†	-0.69	...
Far East Opps	113.75	121.32	-3.12	0.57
-do- Acc	115.68	123.38	-3.18	0.57
Gold Opps	27.14	28.94	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	27.91	29.77	-0.34	...
Status Japan	66.06	70.33	-1.59	...
-do- Acc	66.06	70.33	-1.59	...
Little Dragons	37.55	40.01	-1.29	0.62
-do- Acc	38.19	40.72	-1.31	0.62
Oriental Income	31.75	33.82	-0.75	5.17
-do- Acc	38.53	41.03	-0.91	5.17
Tiger	131.76	140.54	-3.90	0.82
-do- Acc	136.03	145.09	-4.03	0.82
UK Small Cos	54.80	58.39	-1.06	1.04
-do- Acc	61.22	65.47	-1.19	1.04
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.				
081 534 5544				
United Charities	194.20	207.10†	-3.20	5.19
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DL.				
031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	9.91	10.54	-0.34	0.50
Pacific Basin	25.43	27.05	-0.71	0.60
Canadian Gth	33.33	35.45	-0.76	0.10
Global Bond	$1.034	$1.057	+0.006	7.73
Penny Share	19.59	20.84	-0.25	0.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT.				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	55.89	55.89	+0.01	10.65
Gilt Growth	55.98	58.26	-0.04	...
Gilt Income	48.14	50.09	-0.04	10.28
Short Dtd Gilt	93.35	94.57	...	2.57
US Govmnt Bd	$0.669	$0.677†	+0.001	...
Challenger	69.52	71.14†	-0.33	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG.				
0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	53.25	56.64	-0.98	3.32

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ASDA Gp	9,500	Cadburys	4,100	Lonrho	1,300	Royal Ins	1,900
Abbey Natl	1,900	Cm Union	686	Lucas	1,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Alld-Lyons	3,200	Courtaulds	1,200	MEPC	821	Sainsbury	4,200
Anglian W	1,200	Enterpr Oil	569	Marks Spr	9,200	Scot & New	905
Argyll Gp	3,500	Euromnl U	712	Maxwell C	3,000	Scot Power	5,300
Arjo Wiggn	1,100	Fisons	2,500	Midlnd Bk	1,800	Sears	3,600
AB Foods	450	Forte	6,900	NatWst Bk	3,400	Svrn Trent	337
BAA	11,000	GRE	1,600	Nat Power	1,900	Shell Trans	5,400
BAT Inds	2,300	GUS A	217	Nth Wst W	1,700	SmKl Bch	2,600
BET	3,400	Gen Acc	1,000	Nthrn Fds	282	Smith Nph	2,300
BICC	1,200	Gen Elec	5,300	P & O	2,600	Sun Allnce	664
BOC	2,100	Glaxo	10,000	Pearson	256	TSB	2,500
BP	6,200	Grand Met	5,500	Pilkington	2,400	Tarmac	1,500
BTR	3,300	Guinness	3,700	PowerGen	1,200	Tate & Lyle	2,800
Bk of Scot	1,500	Hanson	10,000	Prudential	5,600	Tesco	7,900
Barclays	3,900	Hawkr Sid	6,800	RMC	735	Thames W	1,200
Bass	675	Hillsdown	1,600	RTZ	2,400	Thrn EMI	1,400
Blue Circle	733	ICI	2,300	Rank Org	2,100	Traf House	2,000
Boots	4,400	Inchcape	1,700	Reckitt Col	2,200	Unilever	2,200
Brit Aero	1,600	Kingfisher	3,600	Redland	2,000	Utd Bisc	1,700
Brit Airwys	5,000	LASMO	934	Reed Intl	864	Vodafone	3,800
Brit Gas	10,000	Ladbroke	4,800	Rentokil	1,000	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Steel	6,000	Land Secs	954	Reuters	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
Brit Tele	5,800	Legal & Gn	1,200	Rolls Royce	3,600	Wlms Hld	955
Cable Wire	2,800	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Rothmans	566	Willis Crrn	807

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday)
Dow Jones .... 2955.95 (+12.75)
S&P Composite ...... 383.37 (+0.75)
Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge . 23400.12 (-699.06)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4198.21 (-73.13)
FT-SE Euro 100 1084.16 (-25.11)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 90.6 (-2.0)
Sydney: AO .... 1646.5 (-30.4)
Frankfurt: DAX 1611.93 (-17.44)
Brussels:
General .... 5518.40 (-39.00)
Paris: CAC .... 493.13 (-10.38)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 483.2 (-9.6)
London:
FT A All-Share .. 1208.01 (-20.70)
FT 500 .... 1349.13 (-23.82)
FT Gold Mines .... 151.9 (+2.1)
FT Fixed interest .... 96.49 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.83 (-0.07)
Bargains 33963
SEAQ Volume 502.8m
USM (Datastream) 140.75 (-2.79)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 4	November 15	February 6	February 17

Call options were taken out on 18/11/91: Amstrad, ASDA, Astley, Avesco, Baggeridge Brick, Blockleys, Brent Walker, Cadbury, Frogmore Estates, Hunterprint, Lucas, ML Labs, Maxwell Comm, McCarthy & Stone, P&P, Persimmon, Premier, Proteus, Ratners, Rosehaugh, Stakis, Union Discount. **Puts:** Hunterprint, Rosehaugh. **Puts & Calls:** Lep, Maxwell Comms.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 35364	Dec 91	2508.0	2532.0	2505.0	2522.0	12793
	Mar 92	2552.5	2559.0	2549.5	2558.0	36
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 161290	Dec 91	89.67	89.70	89.51	89.51	38831
	Mar 92	90.18	90.20	89.93	89.95	13991
	Jun 92	90.31	90.31	90.08	90.10	4237
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 37264	Dec 91	94.91	94.92	94.87	94.91	2714
	Mar 92	95.10	95.12	95.06	95.10	2882
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 181752	Dec 91	90.57	90.60	90.50	90.52	11248
	Mar 92	90.94	90.96	90.84	90.85	18674
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 5552	Dec 91	100-25	100-28	100-17	100-23	1972
	Mar 92				99-27	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 50998	Dec 91	95-17	95-26	95-03	95-05	26590
	Mar 92	95-23	95-23	95-22	95-09	46
Japanese Govnt Bond	Dec 91	100.03	100.03	100.02	100.03	65
	Mar 92	100.18	100.28	100.18	100.22	262
German Govnt Bond Previous open interest: 83205	Dec 91	86.34	86.42	86.04	86.11	46794
	Mar 92	86.71	86.80	86.51	86.59	7320
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5086	Dec 91	90.10	90.11	90.02	90.02	650
	Mar 92	90.48	90.48	90.38	90.42	275
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 25465	Dec 91	92.02	92.05	91.90	91.95	2896
	Mar 92	92.38	92.44	92.27	92.33	3088
Italian Govnt Bond Previous open interest: 18852	Dec 91	97.32	97.32	96.78	96.81	9269
	Mar 92	97.21	97.22	96.83	96.82	288

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.3 (day's range 91.3-91.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2444-3.2571	3.2444-3.2480	⅜-¼pr	⅞-¾pr
Brussels	59.24-59.61	59.24-59.45	8-3pr	17-12pr
Copenhagen	11.1914-11.2353	11.1914-11.2156	1¼-⅞pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Dublin	1.0770-1.0825	1.0778-1.0788	8-2pr	23-13pr
Frankfurt	2.8777-2.8915	2.8777-2.8811	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Lisbon	251.45-254.03	251.45-252.49	7-47ds	85-186ds
Madrid	181.68-182.58	181.68-182.32	29-35ds	94-98ds
Milan	2176.41-2185.89	2176.41-2181.21	1-3ds	5-7ds
Montreal	2.0204-2.0291	2.0204-2.0242	0.48-0.38pr	0.98-0.86pr
New York	1.7935-1.7970	1.7935-1.7945	0.82-0.80pr	2.37-2.35pr
Oslo	11.3062-11.3534	11.3062-11.3305	⅜-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr
Paris	9.8535-9.8879	9.8535-9.8680	⅛-⅛pr	2¼-1⅞pr
Stockholm	10.5277-10.5778	10.5278-10.5517	½-1ds	2-2⅝ds
Tokyo	231.35-232.13	231.63-231.94	⅞-⅝pr	2⅞-2¼pr
Vienna	20.2522-20.3436	20.2522-20.2814	2¼-1⅛pr	5⅛-2⅝pr
Zurich	2.5516-2.5645	2.5557-2.5590	⅞-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17755.6-17783.5
Australia dollar	2.2808-2.2836
Bahrain dinar	0.6735-0.6815
Brazil cruzeiro *	1318.69-1319.87
Cyprus pound	0.8075-0.8175
Finland markka	n/a
Greece drachma	326.15-329.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.9184-13.9280
India rupee	46.12-46.52
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5085-0.5145
Malaysia ringgit	4.9051-4.9098
Mexico peso	5460-5560
New Zealand dollar	3.1696-3.1771
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.70-6.78
Singapore dollar	2.9850-2.9886
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3422-5.4260
S Africa rand (com)	4.9901-4.9983
U A E dirham	6.5575-6.6375

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2706-1.2714
Austria	11.27-11.29
Belgium (Com)	32.98-33.02
Canada	1.1276-1.1281
Denmark	6.2450-6.2500
France	5.4920-5.4970
Germany	1.6075-1.6085
Hong Kong	7.7540-7.7550
Ireland	1.6635-1.6650
Italy	1214.0-1215.0
Japan	129.15-129.25
Malaysia	2.7327-2.7337
Netherlands	1.8120-1.8130
Norway	6.3100-6.3150
Portugal	140.30-140.50
Singapore	1.6630-1.6640
Spain	101.20-101.30
Sweden	5.8740-5.8790
Switzerland	1.4255-1.4262

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10½ Low 10½ Week fixed: 10½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10 7/16; 3 mth 10 5/16. Sell: 2 mth 10 5/16; 3 mth 9 29/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	10 9/32-10 7/32	10¼-10⅛	10 3/16-10 1/16	9 15/16-9 11/16	
Sterling Money Rates	10 9/16-10 7/16	10 9/16-10 7/16	10 9/16-10 7/16	10 7/16-10 5/16	10 5/16-10 3/16
Interbank	10½-10 7/16	10 9/16-10 7/16	10 9/16-10 7/16	10 7/16-10⅜	10 7/16-10⅜

Overnight: open 10½, close 13.

Local Authority Deps	10 7/16	n/a	10 7/16	10 5/16	10¼
Sterling CDs	10 11/32-10 9/32	10 11/32-10 9/32	10 7/16-10⅜	10⅜-10¼	10⅜-10¼
Dollar CDs	4.82-4.77	5.12-5.07	4.98-4.93	4.98-4.93	5.09-5.04
Building Society CDs	10½-10⅜	10½-10⅜	10 15/32-10⅜	10 11/32-10 9/32	10 11/32-10 9/32

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1991 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1991 to Dec 24, 1991 Scheme I: 11.68%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1991 to Oct 31, 1991 Schemes II & III: 11.68%. Scheme IV & V: 10.447%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4⅝	5 1/16-4 15/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	4⅞-4
Deutschemark	9-8¾	9⅛-8 15/16	9 7/16-9 5/16	9 9/16-9 7/16	9¼-8¾
French Franc	9⅝-9⅜	9 7/16-9 5/16	9 5/16-9 3/16	9 7/16-9 5/16	9¼-8¾
Swiss Franc	7¼-7⅛	7 11/16-7 9/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	8-7⅞	7¾-6¾
Yen	6½-6¼	6⅜-6¼	6¼-6⅛	6-5⅞	6½-5½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $360.30-360.70 Close: $360.60-361.10 Low: $359.30-359.80 High: $360.70-361.20 Krugerrand: $360.25-361.25 (£200.50-201.50)
Sovereigns: Old $85.50-86.50 (£47.25-48.25) New $85.00-86.00 (£47.00-48.00)
Platinum: $362.00 (£201.10) **Silver:** $4.05 (£2.255) **Palladium:** $84.50 (£46.95)

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	600	29	51	59	25	33	43
(*602)	650	12	28	38	59	63	69
ASDA	34	9½	13	-	1	3½	-
(*40)	43	4½	6½	-	6	9	-
Bass	950	28	55	70	35	42	49
(*960)	1000	10	32	47	75	78	80
Boots	420	24	40	47	9	14	19
(*435)	460	6½	18	24	33	35	40
Br Airways	200	19	28	32	6	9	14
(*215)	220	8½	18	21	13	19	23
BP	300	26	34	-	4	7	-
(*318)	330	8	14	20	17	20	22
Br Steel	80	6	10	12	5½	7	7
(*84)	90	3	6	7	11½	14	14
C & W	550	28	48	58	19	27	33
(*555)	600	9	26	35	51	57	61
CU	460	32	39	47	10	19	24
(*478)	500	12	19	29	30	43	45
Courtauld	460	23	39	45	16	21	26
(*468)	500	9	21	27	42	43	47
GKN	300	29	35	38	7	16	20
(*315)	330	12	19	23	22	34	36
Grnd Met	850	29	46	66	38	46	50
(*839)	900	12	26	45	75	80	81
ICI	1200	57	80	105	32	58	75
(*1204)	1250	34	55	80	62	90	103
Kingfishr	500	52	67	72	5	8	16
(*538)	550	16	35	43	25	30	38
Ladbroke	249	20	28	-	6½	12	-
(*261)	268	9½	18	-	15	21	-
Land Sec	500	16	30	35	17	21	29
(*499)	550	2½	11	14	60	60	62
M & S	280	22	31	34	6	9	12
(*291)	300	9	19	22	15	18	20
Sainsbury	326	24	-	-	5½	-	-
(*335)	356	8	-	-	21	-	-
Shell	500	24	29	41	12	24	26
(*504)	550	5	9½	18	50	55	56
Smkl Bch	900	43	67	87	23	34	39
(*809)	850	20	43	60	52	59	64
Storehse	90	9	12	-	5	6½	-
(*95)	100	4	7	-	11	13	-
Trafalgar	211	21	-	-	9	-	-
(*226)	231	8	-	-	21	-	-
Ultramar	330	23	29	-	15	22	-
(*332)	360	11	15	-	33	38	-
Unilever	900	55	72	85	12	23	26
(*837)	850	25	44	58	35	47	48
Utd Bisc	360	25	37	41	6	14	17
(*377)	390	12	19	26	21	30	32

November 18, 1991 Tot: 37778 Call: 17614 Put: 20164 FT-SE Call: 5948 Put: 7572
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA	420	56	62	76	1	6½	9
(*475)	460	17	35	50	4	17	21
BAT Ind	600	30	52	62	4	14	22
(*626)	650	2	25	37	30	37	45
BTR	360	24	35	40	2	7½	14
(*383)	390	2	16	21	13	22	30
Br Aero	360	1	14	17	31	34	51
(*338)	384	1	8	10	55	57	67
Br Telcm	360	4	16	28	7	18	22
(*357)	390	1	6½	16	35	39	41
Cadbury	390	15	36	43	2½	13	25
(*403)	420	2	22	28	20	28	38
Guinness	500	19	39	48	2	12	19
(*517)	525	3	24	35	13	23	31
GEC	180	10	15	20	1½	5	6½
(*189)	200	1	5	9½	12	16	17
Hanson	200	4	8	14	3	13	14½
(*200)	220	½	2½	6½	22	30	31
LASMO	300	5	22	28	9	18	28
(*295)	330	1	10	17	38	42	47
Lucas	130	2	9½	14	5	11½	14
(*129)	140	1	5½	9	14	17	19
P & O	472	15	38	-	2½	15	-
(*490)	519	1	15	22	38	40	55
Pilkingtn	140	3½	11	17	4	10	13
(*141)	160	½	4½	9	22	24	27
Prudential	220	17	27	30	1	4½	8
(*236)	240	2½	14	17	5½	12	19
Racal Ele	51	3½	6	-	1½	3½	-
(*54)	55	2	-	-	2½	-	-
RTZ	500	25	45	54	3	12	23
(*524)	550	1	18	28	30	39	52
Scot New	360	25	33	-	1½	8½	-
(*385)	390	2	16	28	10	23	26
Tesco	220	4½	15	20	3	8½	13
(*221)	240	1	6½	11	21	22	25
Thames W	350	3	18	-	6	13	-
(*345)	370	1	8	-	27	28	-
Vodafone	360	10	27	41	1½	15	19
(*368)	390	1	14	25	25	32	35

FT-SE INDEX (*2500)

	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls						
Nov	116	73	30	11	3	1
Dec	140	108	68	41	26	14
Jan	165	134	97	72	52	30
Feb	182	146	120	85	65	44
Puts						
Nov	10	19	38	70	115	162
Dec	26	39	56	78	115	130
Jan	38	45	71	100	118	180
Feb	47	60	80	102	127	173

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	280	9½	18	25	7	14	17
(*284)	300	2½	10	15	21	26	29
Amstrad	30	6	8	9½	1½	3	4
(*34)	35	3	6	7½	3½	5½	7
Barclays	390	15	29	33	8½	18	21
(*395)	420	4½	15	19	30	37	39
Blue Circ	240	8	18	21	9	13	19
(*236)	260	3	9	12	24	26	32
Br Gas	240	8	14½	17	6½	12	16
(*240)	260	2	6½	9½	22	25	28
Dixons	220	15	22	-	3½	10	-
(*227)	240	5	13	20	13	18	20
Eurotnnl	390	22	43	58	18	32	36
(*389)	420	10	31	45	40	50	55
Forte	260	16	25	31	4	6	12
(*269)	280	5	14	19	14	17	23
Glaxo	800	25	57	87	25	39	47
(*788)	850	10	33	63	59	67	72
Hawker	700	32	45	51	5	6	16
(*720)	750	4	15	23	33	34	44
Hillsdwn	180	14	-	26	2	-	9
(*189)	197	5	12	-	9	15	-
Lonrho	220	13	18	22	4	15	17
(*228)	240	3	8	12	16	26	29
Midland	220	18	26	35	3½	9½	12
(*233)	240	6½	15	24	13	17	23
Reuter	900	21	55	72	40	60	67
(*874)	950	8	33	52	77	93	100
R-Royce	130	6½	10	12	6½	11	12
(*130)	140	2	5½	7½	12	18	16
Sears	90	9	12	16	2	5	7
(*96)	100	3½	7½	9½	7	10	12
Thrn Emi	750	42	61	82	8	16	21
(*777)	800	11	30	49	32	40	44
TSB	130	6	9	12	5	10½	12
(*128)	140	3	5½	9	14	17	19
Vaal Reefs	60	6½	8	11½	2½	5½	6½
(*$63)	70	2½	5	7½	12	14	15
Wellcome	850	55	90	114	20	43	54
(*893)	900	30	62	90	45	67	77
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Fisons	390	34	44	54	7	12	14
(*410)	420	16	26	39	20	25	29
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	230	13	19	24	2	7	9
(*240)	250	1	8	14	12	18	20
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	140	11	14	18	3½	6½	8
(*146)	160	2½	6½	8½	17	19	20
Scot Pwr	100	4½	-	-	3½	-	-
(*101)	110	1	4½	7	10	14	14½

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures closed near the day's lows in moderate trade, pushed down by sterling's strength against the dollar. Raw sugar futures were mostly lower in late trading as the market showed signs of resuming a downward trend after Friday's short-lived rally. Wheat futures moved slightly firmer in early trading following steadier physical markets.

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COCOA

Dec	728-727	Mar	883 SLR
Mar	764-763	May	901 SLR
May	789-787	Jul	917 SLR
Jul	812-810	Sep	933 SLR
Sep	832-830		
Dec	958-855		Volume: 5280

COFFEE (ROBUSTA)

Sep	unq	May	unq
Nov	576-574	Jul	unq
Jan	587-586	Sep	unq
Mar	577-576		Volume: 8110

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Aug	186.0-84.4
Spot 182.00		Oct	185.0-84.0
Dec	unq	Dec	185.0-75.0
Mar	181.5-81.2	Mar	190.0-70.0
May	182.0-81.0		Volume: 191

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	252.5-50.8
Spot 277.0		Dec	250.2-48.5
Mar	273.6-71.5	Mar	251.0-48.5
May	273.0-71.0	May	252.0-47.5
Aug	276.5-74.0		Volume: 502

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	89.67	156.42	104.06
(+/-)	-10.31	+17.95	-0.83
Eng/Wales	89.84	157.25	103.76
(+/-)	-10.36	+19.11	-0.99
(%)	+1.4	-25.3	-33.8
Scotland	75.92	149.49	108.68
(+/-)	+0.81	+10.02	+2.65
(%)	-59.6	-73.5	-63.0

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Nov	unq	104.3	Feb	106.0	105.5
Jan	102.5	103.5			Volume: 23

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	120.00
Jan	123.00
Mar	126.45
May	129.40
Jun	130.80
	Volume: 69

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	114.60
Jan	117.70
Mar	120.90
May	122.80
Sep	unq
	Volume: 17

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Dec	127.50
Feb	128.50
Apr	128.50
Jun	123.50
Aug	124.50
	Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	132.0
Apr	133.0	131.6
May	148.0	148.1
		Volume: 121

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/k)
Dec 51.75-50.75

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude levels eased back down when it became apparent that Soviet oil exports would not be curtailed dramatically.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.35	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	21.40	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	21.25	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.50	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	22.40	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	239 (n/c)	242 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	206 (-5)	208 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Dec	209 (-3)	210 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jan	unq	-
3.5 Fuel Oil	89 (+1)	91 (+1)
Naphtha	220 (-2)	223 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Dec	207.00-06.75	Apr	187.50 SLR
Jan	207.00-06.75	May	181.50-80.00
Feb	201.50 SLR	Jun	176.00-75.00
Mar	194.00-93.00		Vol: 10832

BRENT

Dec	21.40-21.50	Feb	20.95-21.00
Jan	21.25-21.35		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 91	1600	1600	1610
Dec 91	1605	1595	1605
Jan 92	1645	1625	1645
Apr 92	1630	1630	1650

Vol: 154 lots. Open int'st: 2663 Index 1608 -1

FOX MGMI INDEX

Nov	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
Jan	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
Jun	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
(5pm prices)		Volume: 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1321.0-1322.0	1302.5-1303.0	460750
Lead (£/tonne)	274.00-274.50	287.00-287.50	69200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1093.0-1094.0	1107.0-1108.0	431650
Tin ($/tonne)	5488.0-5490.0	5545.0-5547.0	5070
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1141.5-1142.0	1170.5-1171.0	617075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7370.0-7375.0	7425.0-7430.0	22422

The system must change

Lord Scarman, in the first of two articles, recommends some reforms for the Royal Commission to consider

BRIAN HARRIS

New ideas for justice: Lord Scarman, seen during his Brixton riots enquiry in 1981, urges reforms to protect defendants

We now know from recent bitter experience that miscarriage of justice sometimes occurs within the process of the system and can be undetected and uncorrected for years.

The Guildford Four were convicted of murder in 1975. Their convictions were not quashed until 1989. The Maguire Seven, convicted in 1975 of unlawfully possessing an explosive substance, had served their whole sentence and one of them had died in prison before their convictions were quashed this year.

In a considerable number of cases in recent years, miscarriage of justice has occurred but has not been exposed, let alone corrected, until long after trial and sentence. The number has been large enough to cause public anxiety and raise questions about the soundness of the system.

The terms of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice require it to look into and report on the criminal justice system in England and Wales, with a view to diminishing the chances of miscarriage of justice and correcting it when it occurs. Its wide-ranging terms include specific matters for enquiry: for example, confession evidence, the right of silence, scientific evidence, and strengthening the right of the defence to full disclosure of relevant information shown to the prosecution.

The terms also require the commission to decide whether the criminal process as a whole suffers from weaknesses that not only provide the opportunity for miscarriage of justice but also obstruct its discovery and correction.

I do not expect the commission to recommend a demolition job followed by a new design for the system, nor would something so revolutionary be wise. A more likely course is for the commission to write a new chapter in the history of the criminal law, maintaining its principles but adjusting the procedures and practice of the trial and appellate process to ensure a better protection against miscarriage of justice and more effective means of exposing and correcting it.

Certain principles have to be maintained for the protection of the accused: the presumption of innocence and the requirement for the prosecution to prove guilt beyond reasonable doubt, trial by jury in serious cases, the accused's right to legal representation at all stages of the criminal process, and legal aid where the accused cannot pay for it.

The system's weaknesses lie elsewhere. They can be summarised as lack of effective judicial supervision of the pre-trial phase of the criminal process; lack of satisfactory and just arrangements for providing scientific evidence; inadequate, slipshod and easily disregarded rules of practice on giving the defence relevant information that could be vital (for example, the existence of a witness who could support an alibi); and the restrictions imposed by law on the right to a judicial review when there is ground for believing there may have been a miscarriage of justice.

The commission may also find it has to go further and ask whether the system is too adversarial in character. Should it be redesigned to involve the criminal courts more directly in the search for truth and justice? The English system of criminal justice is not an enquiry but a contest to determine a winner and a loser. It assumes that truth and justice will be the spin-off from the contest. However, this is a hope or at best an expectation. The weakness is that the two contestants – prosecution and defence – are far from evenly matched and the judge is a referee, not an enquirer.

> *'I do not expect a demolition job and a new design, more a new chapter in criminal law'*

The period of acute damage is between arrest and charge, when the accused is held and interrogated by police.

The suspect has a right to the presence of an independent person – friend or lawyer – at the police interrogation, but the right can be circumvented. There is no supervision of the interrogation other than by the police.

No doubt senior officers do their best and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 has strengthened the safeguards for the accused under interrogation. However, the number of cases in which confessional evidence, on later examination, has been proved unsafe and in some circumstances demonstrably false has established the need for supervision by an authority other than the police.

If, as in France and many other countries, the preparation for trial should be a judicial responsibility from the moment of arrest, and in some cases even earlier, the judicial power would at once become concerned with the investigation and enquiries needed to discover the truth.

This in itself would be not only a valuable judicial function but also an important protection for the suspect, ensuring that the whole pre-trial period would be under the control and supervision of the judicial arm of the state. French practice is said not to be as good as French principle. It is said that the *juge d'instruction* is a junior judge at or near the beginning of his or her career, who is often as eager to secure a confession as the police. However, the principle is sound, although we would be wise to devise our own machinery for implementing it.

I suggest two possibilities. We might learn from the example of the Scottish Procurator-Fiscal and put the task of supervision of the whole pre-trial period on the Crown Prosecution Service. The service has made an excellent start and already has control of the prosecution after charge, and it has the power of discontinuing a case.

Although it may sound startling, I should like to see the supervisory power entrusted to a judicial officer of the service as in France it is entrusted to the *juge d'instruction*. This officer would have the duty of satisfying himself that the suspect's confession is genuine. He should also indicate the investigations and enquiries to be made in the preparation of the case, and would have the power to ensure that the defence was kept fully informed.

An accused person and his lawyers should have the right to apply to him for an order in matters arising during the preparation for trial; in this respect, the officer's powers would be similar to those of a master in the High Court's civil jurisdiction.

Alternatively, a judicial officer comparable with that of master could be established in the crown court system. There should be a summons for directions and the accused could seek disclosure of information, including the reports of scientific or other investigations in his possession or at the prosecution's disposal.

I realise that these suggestions involve radical reforms, but they go to the heart of the problem, which is how to adapt to the needs of justice in a modern society an ancient system that has a basis of sound principle, but not the apparatus or procedures to ensure the effective and legitimate protection of the accused in today's circumstances.

The right of silence would no longer be – nor could it ever really be – the only protection of an accused. With judicial supervision of the pre-trial period, the right of silence in the sense that no adverse inference may be drawn from silence alone should no longer be necessary. The accused's right to say nothing would, of course, remain.

Today an accused needs the opportunity, information and resources to develop a positive defence. It is true that the defence is at a disadvantage. Judicial supervision of the pre-trial preparations, combined with a properly resourced system of legal aid, could give the defence the opportunity, information and resources to obtain justice.

● **Next week: a court of review**

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BRIEF

PAULA DAVIES

THE Children Act has been so highly praised since it came into force on October 14 that I began to wonder whether I was wrong in thinking the whole exercise too good to be true. I need not have worried. It is rather like gazing at that tempting brochure that promises the earth – not to mention heaven, too. Before getting too excited, read the small print.

In the case of the Children Act, for small print read the rules and regulations. Most of us connected with the workings of the law realise that an act is not just an act but requires a mass of rules and regulations to make the legislation work. As far as courts and practitioners are concerned, the rules are not only complex thanks to the big re-organisation of previous legislation, but they were also produced so late that we are still feeling our way. Although the act was passed in 1989, some of the court rules were laid before Parliament only this September. All of us involved in training were doing it without benefit of the rules. Instead, we had a general nod and wink as to what the rules were likely to be.

So far, so not too difficult. Start to delve further, however, and you find that the magistrates' courts will no longer be the accessible places they once were. I claimed in my last article that magistrates were in danger of becoming more like High Court judges. Now it appears that our courts are going to become more like the higher courts too.

Take somebody wanting to apply for maintenance. Under the old system she – for it is usually she – would go to court to make a complaint and a summons would be issued requiring the respondent to come to court. Under the new legislation the person has to get and fill in an application form that is seven pages long, and a three-page statement of means. This must then be endorsed by the court with the date, time and place of hearing. Then she must serve the respondent with this, together with his form for an answer to her application, and her statement as to when the papers were served. What is more, she will have to pay a fee of £30.

Apparently fees will be chargeable on a wide range of family proceedings, including maintenance-related cases and Children Act cases, although applications for emergency protection orders will be exempt. A person wanting to apply for contact or residence orders is expected to pay £30, while applicants for care or supervision, education supervision or child assessment orders will have to pay £50 for every child.

One London borough has just taken out emergency protection orders on six children in one family. If the case should come to court £300 will have to be spent before anything is started. Given that fees in the criminal justice system were abolished as long ago as 1967, I have to ask myself whether cases brought under the Children Act deserve such a market-led ethos.

Liz Thompson, who is the justices' clerk for the inner London family proceedings courts, is as saddened by this as her magistrates. The procedure in magistrates' courts, which used to be relatively simple, has now been made extremely complicated, she said. It is difficult enough for the professionals but it will be very difficult for the unrepresented, she added.

"The concept that local authorities will be required to pay a fee for exercising their statutory duties to protect chidren seems extraordinary to me," she said. "Introducing what amounts to a market concept into the great principles of the Children Act seems inappropriate." The Magistrates' Association and the Justices' Clerks Society, along with other interested bodies, have objected to charges being made in the public sector. "We told the Home Office that charging fees was inconsistent with the philosophy of the act," said Peter Dawson, the chairman of the family law committee of the Justices' Clerks Society. "Nor do we believe that public bodies should be paying other public bodies."

Whatever the rights and wrongs of charging, there seems little doubt that magistrates' courts will be forced to collect fees. I may be naive, but I did not like the fact that the *Court User Guide* for September 1991 referred to the likelihood of such fees in care proceedings in 1992. Yet the consultation paper issued by the Home Office required comments no later than the 30th of that self-same September. Has some higher power already made that decision? I think we should be told.

As far as private individuals are concerned, the courts will have power to remit fees in cases where they judge there are good grounds for doing so, and fees would not apply to applicants receiving income support, family credit or legal aid. Local authorities do not seem to have any choice in the matter. So where will the money go? I have been informed that courts will be expected to collect a certain amount of money in fees. An expected amount will then be taken into account when public money is allocated.

I am not quite certain what that means but it sounds suspiciously like "if we do not collect we will get less of the cake". It is a sorry situation.

● *The author is the chairman of an inner London family proceedings court*

INNS AND OUTS

Unfinished business

IN nine months of operation, the newly created Legal Services Ombudsman has dealt with more than 1,000 enquiries. Half have resulted in the files being called for examination. The biggest award the ombudsman has made has been about £1,700.

Michael Barnes, a former Labour MP and the former chairman of the United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service, who was appointed to the new post at the start of the year, admits he is hamstrung in some of his most troubling cases, such as that of an old woman who received negligent advice on the disposal of a piece of land. After she sued her solicitor, she was offered a settlement net of cost of £20,000. When advised not to go to trial, she accepted, but then faced a costs bill of £80,000.

Mr Barnes, interviewed for this month's issue of *The Legal Action Bulletin*, does not think he can recommend compensation awards at that level.

So far, the new office with its bigger staff of 12 as opposed to four or five previously has made little impact on the backlog of cases left by the Lay Observer, its predecessor. Mr Barnes says tackling this backlog will be one of his priorities.

Child's play

SIXTY-FOUR schools of more than 400 pupils have been chosen to enter in the national mock trial competition run by the Citizenship Foundation, an independent charity that promotes initiatives to bridge the gulf between citizen, law and state, and sponsored by the Bar. The contest involves pupils spending a whole day in the crown court on Saturday, or next Saturday, playing the parts of advocates, witnesses, court clerks and jurors, and to prosecute or defend in two cases they have prepared.

They will be judged by real circuit judges and recorders. The teams will go into eight heats around the country, and the winners to the national final in London next March.

Switching sides

ANOTHER barrister, meanwhile, has joined the ranks of solicitors. Derek Wheatley, QC, lately chief legal adviser at Lloyds Bank, is moving to Watson Farley & Williams to bolster the expertise of its banking and asset finance group. Geoffrey Wynne, of the firm, says the move will help it to develop in the domestic UK banking market.

The Bar Council has approved – but then, as Mr Wynne says, there are no plans for Mr Wheatley to go into court.

Dressed up

A SOLICITOR believes he broke new ground last week by appearing in open court, in robes, in a negligence action in the Queen's Bench Division, in which Malcolm Pyrah, a showjumper, is being sued over a horse that nbecame lame after he sold it. Watchers of the advocacy rights debate between the profession's two branches will remember Richard Slowe, the barrister who left the Bar last year to head the advocacy department at S.J. Berwin. Mr Slowe, a solicitor before going to the Bar, had to be readmitted as a solicitor when he joined the firm. Last week he was the junior advocate in a negligence case in chambers, where solicitors have rights of audience. Unexpectedly, the judge gave judgment in open court. Mr Slowe, wearing a solicitor's gown, tabs and collar but no wig, was allowed to sit behind counsel.

There is a twist to the tale: the deputy judge was Richard Southwell, QC, the architect of the Bar's opposition to solicitors being allowed into the higher courts.

Enquiry in peril

LEGAL costs are jeopardising the judicial enquiry into how nine Orkney children were seized in February after sex abuse allegations. The islands' council is warning Michael Forsyth, the Scottish minister of state, that without government help to pay its legal bill, it will have to pull out of the enquiry that is costing it £36,000 a week. Questions are being asked about guidelines to speed up proceedings. The enquiry has cost £2 million so far and is expected to cost at least another £10 million if it lasts more than a year. Some lawyers say it could run until March 1993.

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Focus on those who sit in judgment: Peter Armitage plays the defendant in a scene from Granada's *Inside the Jury*, which uses a shadow team to judge real cases

Trial by television for the jury

Research on how 12 people rule on an accused's innocence or guilt should be allowed, Jonathan Caplan, QC, argues

Last summer, Granada Television began a unique experiment. As real jurors were being sworn in at Liverpool Crown Court, two "shadow" juries were selected by Granada and placed in the public gallery for five different trials. They heard everything the real jury heard and saw everything the real jury saw. When the shadow jury was unavoidably detained in a lift between floors, the court, fortuitously of course, was unable to sit until they had been released. When the real jury retired to its jury room to consider its verdicts, the shadow jury retired to another in an adjoining office block. The only difference was that cameras awaited the shadow jury to film its deliberations.

Out of five trials, the shadow juries – drawn from the electoral register at random – reached the same verdicts on four. In the fifth case, the real jury convicted but the shadow jury was unable to agree. Tonight, Granada screens its jury's deliberations in one of those trials.

The trial involved an allegation of assult on the police and, familiarly enough, two conflicting accounts of what had happened. Who was lying: the police or the defendant? The result is a fascinating insight into how juries approach their task. Uncomfortably, the burden of proof seems to have only a walk-on part in the drama inside this jury room, and the judge's direction to them to decide the facts on the evidence given in court does not prevent them from playing detective. "Policemen don't do that," says one. "If you verbally abuse a policeman and he doesn't get respect off you, then he will get his own back," counters another.

The discussion is not an orderly and logical examination of the evidence. It is a confrontation of viewpoints and beliefs in which, untrue to cinema, initial positions are not radically altered, save that two "don't knows" later vote "not guilty".

Interestingly, in only one of the five cases did the jury's view of counsel affect its decision – when they disapproved of the way in which the prosecution cross-examined a defendant who was too bright.

"I just wanted to see the jury system at work," Claudia Milne, the programme's executive producer, says. "Did the adversarial system help them or not? I'm not sure at the end of the day that they actually were able to differentiate between being sure and deciding what probably happened. I did come away, though, with my confidence in the jury system intact, but only after I thought about it."

What Granada has done with a shadow jury would be illegal with a real one. In 1980, the attorney-general failed to prove that the common law prohibited the *New Statesman* from publishing an interview with a member of the jury in the trial of Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader. One year later, the Contempt of Court Act enacted that it would from then on be a contempt of court for anyone to obtain, disclose or solicit any information about the secrets of the jury room.

The trouble with the Contempt of Court Act is that it makes absolute the ban on speaking to jurors about their deliberations

There is obvious good sense in such a ban if the aim of the probing is to identify a particular case and to see how strong the verdict actually was. The finality of a jury's verdict ought not to be imperilled by Fleet Street. But the trouble with the Contempt of Court Act is that it makes the ban on speaking to jurors about their deliberations absolute. There is a Royal Commission examining the fundamentals of the English criminal justice system. Has it occurred to anyone that Lord Runciman and his fellow commissioners will be barred by law from speaking to a single representative of that system's cornerstone – the jury – about their own serving experience and their views as to possible improvements?

When the Roskill committee on long fraud trials reported a few years ago, it too noted this difficulty. Roskill stated that the law had prohibited it from conducting "direct research on jurors' comprehension of actual fraud cases" and that it had to substitute commissioned research with volunteers.

When the Contempt of Court Act was going through Parliament, the government had included an exception for legitimate research. As the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay (then the Lord Advocate) observed in the debate: "The jury system, great institution that it is, surely can stand up to properly conducted research." But the exception was struck out in the House of Lords and the ban reached the statute book in its present absolute form. An attempt by the Bar Council to alter the law and to permit controlled jury research failed earlier this year when the courts (research) bill – a private member's bill – failed to achieve a second reading.

Surely the arguments for bona fide jury research, which maintained the anonymity of jurors and of their cases, are compelling, particularly if the research is licensed by a controlling body. Examples of licensed research projects include discovering how jurors could be better assisted in their task and how far they understood and applied the judge's directions on the law. The aim should be to see how the system might be refined and improved.

The jury is and must remain a fixture in our courts but it cannot be right that we do not know many of the answers because we are not allowed to ask the questions.

● *The author is chairman of the public affairs committee of the Bar Council.* Inside the Jury *is to be screened tonight on ITV at 10.40*

Still time to enter the Law Awards

ONLY 11 days to the closing date for entries to this year's *The Times* Law Awards, and the theme of the competition – the role of the law in protecting the environment – has received royal endorsement.

Last week, the Prince of Wales commended the legislative approach to the environment taken by the European Community. "It is important to recognise that in many areas of environmental policy, the European Community, as the only body in the world with a supra-national authority to legislate to protect the environment, is ahead of the world," the Prince said.

Not everybody agrees with the legislative route to environmental protection. Paul Bowden, a lawyer with Freshfields, the sponsors of this year's awards, says better results may come from persuading people it is in their own commercial interests to act in an ecologically friendly way. He adds: "Many of my clients are pushing themselves to become better environmentalists because they know it will give them competitive advantage."

Weighing up these two viewpoints is at the heart of this year's competition. Students and those training for a legal career are invited to submit an article of not more than 1,000 words, by November 30, on the topic, "The future of the environment: will legislation or self-regulation protect it best?"

For lawyers dealing with planning and environmental problems, the role of the law has become a complex issue. Peter Kunzlick, Hammond Suddard's resident partner in Brussels, is spearheading the M3/Twyford Downs Association's lobbying of the European Commission. This resulted in the recent demand by Carlo Ripa de Meana, the environment commissioner, that work on the M3 extension (and six other environmentally sensitive projects) should cease.

Mr Kunzlick is convinced that environmental problems are now on such a scale that only national action orchestrated through legislative bodies such as the European Parliament can be successful.

"Different countries have very different priorities towards the environment," he says.

The importance of environmental law was also highlighted when David Trippier, the environment minister, welcomed the new chair in the subject at the University of Kent, endowed by Cripps Harries Hall and SAUR UK, saying that it is "fundamental to the greening of our industries".

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Transfer of pension fund assets

Stannard v Fisons Pension Trust Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment November 6]

In deciding the value of assets to be transferred from a company's pension fund to a new fund established by a subsidiary of the company, the trustees should have taken account of the increase in value of the fund that had resulted from a bull market on the stock exchange.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments when dismissing an appeal by the trustees of the pension fund of Fisons plc from Mr Justice Warner who on July 6, 1990, on an originating summons by the plaintiff, Robert William Stannard, had declared that the trustees had not properly determined the amount of assets to be transferred from that fund to a fund established by Norsk Hydro Fertilisers Ltd ("NHF"), a subsidiary of Fisons formed for the purpose of acquiring a Norwegian company.

Mr Michael Hart, QC and Mr Christopher Tidmarsh for the trustees; Mr Alan Steinfeld, QC and Mr Jock Craven for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that on the sale, agreed in April 1982, by Fisons of its fertiliser division to NHF, some 2,500 employees in that division, who were then members of the Fisons pension fund, were transferred to employment by NHF and became members of the NHF fund. The plaintiff was one of those employees.

Before the judge, there had been a dispute as to which of the Fisons pension fund rules applied to the transfer of the assets, but from a practical viewpoint there was no distinction of substance between the various relevant rules, under all of which the trustees had a duty to act fairly as between the members of the two funds, being guided by actuarial advice.

In determining the amount of assets to be transferred, the trustees used a basis known as the total service reserve method. If another basis, the past service reserve method, had been used, the transfer amount would have been greater.

A valuation in 1979 had shown the Fisons fund to be mildly in deficit actuarially, with the result that a relatively high company's contribution rate had been set and maintained.

Moreover, the value of the funds on the 1979 valuation could not have covered both sets of employees on the past service reserve method, or could not have done so and left a surplus for *ex gratia* augmentation of the pensions of already retired employees which had been overtaken by high rates of inflation.

However, between April 1982 and the transfer date in December, the value of the fund had risen very greatly because of a bull market in the stock markets which began then and lasted for several years.

The consequences of that were that a transfer amount calculated on the past service reserve method could at the transfer date have been afforded without jeopardising the hopes of existing pensioners, and that, on the method in fact adopted, a surplus in the fund had implications for the respective company contribution rates which, the plaintiff submitted, resulted in unfairness both to NHF and to the transferring employees.

To give properly informed consideration, as under the general law they were bound to do, to the discretion they had to exercise, the trustees needed to know the relevance of the value of the fund to the problem in hand in relation to actuarial principles and the implications of their decision on future contributions.

The actuaries could and should have given the trustees the relevant information, but that did not occur.

Since it might materially have affected the trustees' decision if they had been properly informed as to the value of the fund in December 1982 and the implications of that value, His Lordship would uphold the judge's decision.

The views expressed by Mr Justice Walton in *In re Imperial Foods Ltd Pension Scheme* ([1986] 1 WLR 717) on the dangers of relying on a possibly ephemeral rise in the market value of pension funds, were to be taken not as rulings of law but as an indication of matters which could properly be taken into account in some cases in considering what was just and equitable.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed and Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Norton Rose.

Deferring decision is not making one

Regina v Middlesbrough District Council, Ex parte I. J. H. Cameron (Holdings) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment November 13]

A decision by a local authority to defer, for a matter of a few weeks, its decision whether or not to grant hackney carriage licences pending a survey to determine whether there was an unmet demand for hackney carriages in the area was not a refusal to grant the licences and was not in breach of the local authority's duties under section 16 of the Transport Act 1985.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by I. J. H. Cameron (Holdings) Ltd for judicial review of a decision by Middlesbrough District Council to refuse to grant a hackney carriage licence by purporting to defer the decision pending a survey to ascertain whether there was an unmet demand for hackney carriages in the area.

Section 16 provides: "(b) . . . the grant of a licence may be refused, for the purposes of limiting the number of hackney carriages . . . if, but only if, the person authorised to grant licences is satisfied that there is no significant demand for the services of hackney carriages (within the area to which the licence would apply) which is unmet."

Mr Manjit Gill for the applicant; Mr Stephen Hockman, QC, for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that under section 16 a council had to ascertain whether there was a demand for more hackney carriages. If it failed to carry out a proper enquiry it would be liable to find itself the subject of judicial review for failing to be properly satisfied that there was no unmet demand.

As people could apply for licences at any time of the year there might be no period when the council could carry out an enquiry at a time when no applications had been made.

The council argued that a deferment was not a refusal but was neutral in the same way as an adjournment by a court was neutral. Section 16 dealt with a refusal to grant a licence and did not require a council to grant a licence unless it was satisfied there was an unmet demand.

If it were not for the decision of Mr Justice Nolan in *R v Reading Borough Council, Ex parte Egan* (*The Times* June 12, 1987) his Lordship would have had no doubt that a deferment for a short period to carry out a proper enquiry into need could not be called a refusal. As it was he found himself in the invidious position of having to disagree with that decision.

A refusal meant saying "No", not saying "We are going to consider your case in a short time after making the requisite enquiries".

Solicitors: Jacobsens for Levinsons Donnelly, Hartlepool; Lee Bolton & Lee for Mr C. Crossman, Middlesbrough.

Queen's Bench Division

Circulars to be taken into account

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Lancashire Police Authority

Before Mr Justice Webster

[Judgment November 5]

When the Secretary of State for the Home Department was making determinations pursuant to section 14(4) of the Police Act 1964, it was necessary for him to take into account any relevant Police Negotiating Board (PNB) Circulars, for they had legal effect as between the employing authority and its officers.

For the secretary of state properly to take into account the circulars it was necessary for him to construe them. It was not necessary or proper for him to construe them in the way in which an Act of Parliment or a statutory instrument would be construed, by application of fine legal rules of construction. It was necessary to construe it simply in the way in which an educated person, acquainted with the factual context, would construe it, by giving to it its common sense meaning and without resort to any such legal rules.

Mr Justice Webster so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the application of the Lancashire Police Authority (LPA) for judicial review in respect of determinations made by the Home Secretary dated July 14, 1989 and August 16, 1989 under section 14(4) of the 1964 Act.

The determinations were in respect of claims made for the recovery of expenditure incurred by the Lancashire Constabulary during the miners' strike in providing mutual aid to the Nottinghamshire Constabulary and the South Yorkshire Constabulary under section 14(1) of the 1964 Act.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for the LPA; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said that it was common ground among all the constabularies concerned that the appropriate amount of payment to be made for mutual aid was to be determined in the light of any relevant PNB circulars.

The PNB was established by Parliament in 1980 as the negotiating body for the police service. Agreements made in the PNB or its committees took the form of recomendations to the secretary of state and had no legal status until they were approved by him.

The circulars in existence at the time of the dispute were Home Office Circular 134/73, made before the PNB was established, and PNB Circular 83/10.

Those circulars had no legal status as a matter of public law. Their legal significance was that they governed, or were relevant to the legal obligations contained in the collective agreements made between the employers' and the employees' sides of the police authorities.

Although there was no statutory direction to the secretary of state to take them them into account, it was difficult to arrive at any conclusion other than that the circulars were not only relevant to the determinations, but of central relevance to them, although their effect was not, of course, conclusive.

As between the LPA as the employing authority and its officers, those circulars had legal effect and it was necessary for the secretary of state to take into account those circulars for the purposes of his determination.

He could not take them into account without first deciding what they meant; he could not take into account what they meant without taking into account the proper, or at least a probable, construction of them; and he could not take that into account without construing them himself.

In his Lordship's judgment, therefore, in order to enable him properly to take the circulars into account it was necesary for him to construe them.

That was not to say that necessarily every decision-making body would have to construe such a document, for there might be circumstances in which a circular could sufficiently be taken into account upon the basis that its meaning, or the meaning of part of it, was either incomplete or unclear.

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Despite the recession accountancy remains a relatively safe and flexible profession, writes Sally Watts

Accountancy has been considered a thoroughly "safe" career but the current recession has affected even this profession. Chartered accountants have probably been hardest hit.

"The profession has been cushioned until now by public demand," Madeleine Ross, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, says. "Recent years have seen tremendous expansion in services. Now, though, we have some unemployment, including chartered senior managers and partners but mostly younger people."

This is particularly so in large public practices, in which young chartered accountants who previously would have moved to new firms or to industry and commerce to widen their experience, have decided it best to stay put in a recession. Consequently, a fairly large proportion has been made redundant.

A further effect of the recession, Mrs Ross says, is that 1991 trainee vacancies were filled early by high-quality graduates who applied in good time and responded promptly to job offers.

This means that a lot of graduates, who realise the value of the ICA institute's qualifications, are looking for ways to spend the time before re-applying. Travel is one answer, especially working holidays with opportunities to learn new skills and gain in maturity.

Young, qualified chartered accountants might specialise in taxation, still in demand, though traditionally less popular. They may consider self-employment once they have a practising certificate, two years after qualifying.

As in most careers, flexibility is the key to changing conditions. Paul Carey, a public sector accountant, comments: "A lot of change is going on. Financial control will always be needed, and in times of recession there is insolvency work."

Mr Carey qualified in 1983 with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), which specialises in preparing students for the public services and builds management development into its training. About 10 per cent of the students are in management consultancy or with organisations such as Marks and Spencer, IBM, Shell and the World Bank, but the great majority work in local or health authorities, universities, polytechnics, government departments, the Post Office, national audit and similar areas strong on job security.

Like many people who choose accountancy, Paul Carey left Oxford, where he graduated in philosophy, politics and economics, with no particular career plans. "I certainly didn't have a vocation but I wanted to help improve the public sector," he recalls. He worked at a district audit office in south London while studying at West London Institute, finding alternate work and study a good complementary arrangement.

In his late twenties, he joined the London Borough of Bromley as their chief internal auditor, with a staff of 15. His next job is as an assistant county treasurer of Hampshire, and management consultancy is a possible future move.

He finds the accountant's role is much more interesting and significant than mere number crunching: "The figures are a means to an end; what really matters are the people and services behind them."

Accountants are generally able to move around. Simon Hawkins, 30, another CIPFA member, won the 1990 "young accountant of the year" award while working for Shell International Chemicals. He qualified as a trainee with Somerset County Council, stayed there a further two years and later transferred to Shell, which he describes as a career change rather than simply changing jobs.

Management accountants, the strategic financial managers of industry and commerce, qualify through the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). This year a record number of students, both graduates and non-graduates, have registered. Redundancy is believed to be lower among the institute's members than in some areas of the profession. In July, only about 200 of 23,000 members were unemployed. Members are involved with budgeting, planning, controlling, formulating strategy and making best use of resources.

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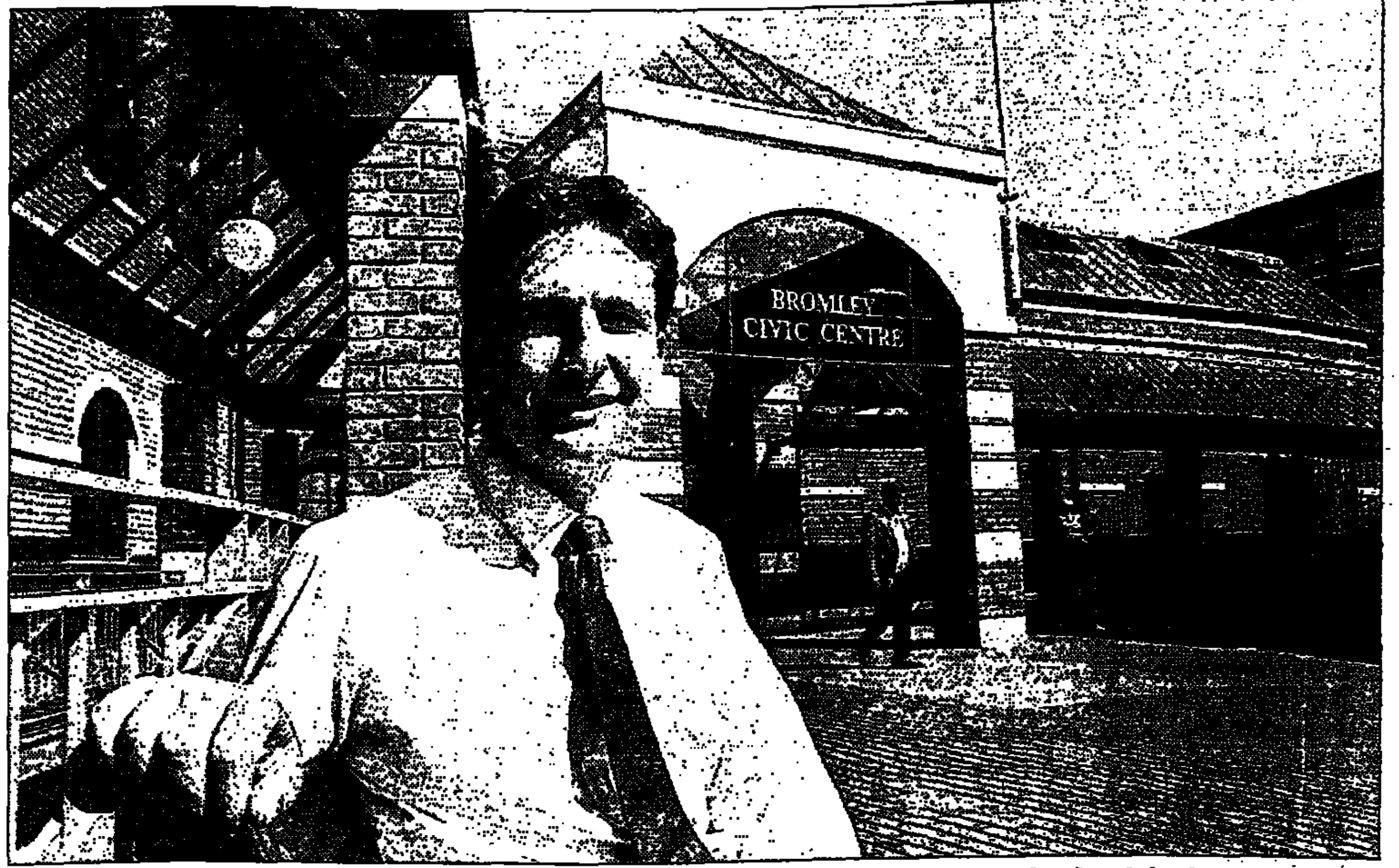

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Sampras and Courier maintain their unrelenting progress towards the top of the tennis rankings

Edberg's reign is showing strain

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

STEFAN Edberg flew into Frankfurt on Sunday just long enough to collect a diamond-studded tennis ball — his reward for being No. 1 at the end of the tour season — and to watch two likely claimants to his supremacy.

Edberg had been forced to withdraw from the ATP championship with a knee injury and so missed the first end-of-term bonanza. It left Pete Sampras, the champion, more than $1 million (£570,000) richer and Jim Courier, the runner-up, 220 points closer to being No. 1.

One false move by the Swede in the new year and Courier will be the first American No. 1 since John McEnroe, while Sampras, who endured such a wretched start to the year, might not be far behind by the middle of 1992 if he continues the devastating form he showed last week.

The Californian talks a lot about the inconsistencies of his game yet he has been the most consistent player on the tour for six months. As he showed in his four-set defeat of Courier in the final, he is also a more mature match-player than when he became the youngest US Open champion 14 months ago.

"Maybe it was just a fluke I won the US Open," Sampras said. "I can't really explain what happened there. I just had two of the best weeks of my life but I wasn't developed as a player. Now, I feel I'm a much older player and a much smarter player than I was."

Like Edberg before him, Sampras is beginning to find a technique that will take him through the bad days as well as the good. His service, so effortless and well-disguised, remains the key to the mechanism but he showed a new side of his game when outhitting Courier from the baseline often enough to take the stuffing out of the top seed, who had returned service brilliantly to take the first set.

At the end, Courier — by his own admission, a journeyman in comparison to Sampras — simply had nothing to offer other than a strong heart and good lungs. Unfortunately for Courier, who could find Sampras in his path many more times over the next few years, the outcome will always be decided by Sampras's casual genius not his own honest endeavour.

"He is a difficult guy to play," Courier said. "When he is hot, he can just knock you off the court; but when he has a bad day, I can maybe do the same to him."

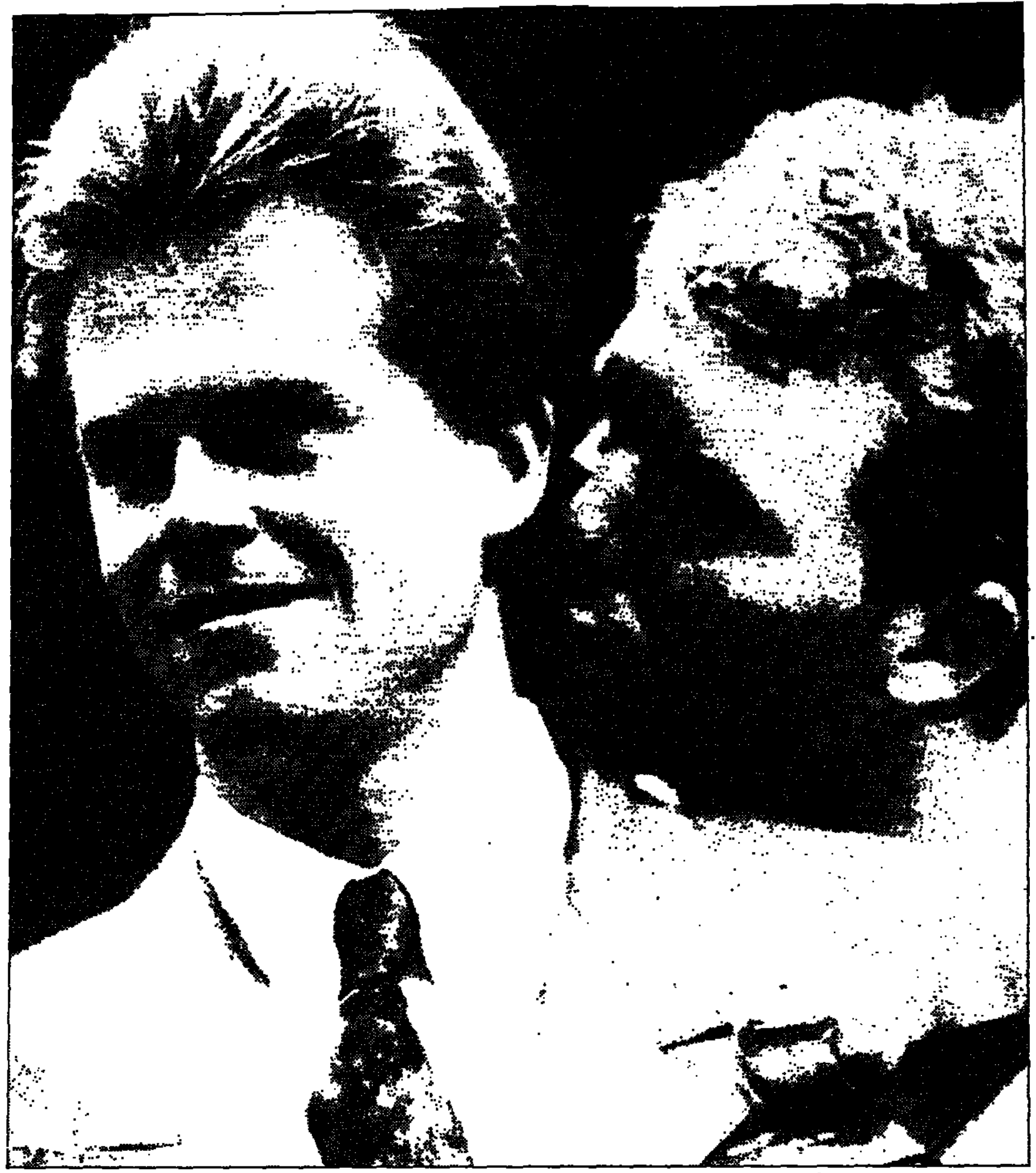
While Courier's next assignment is with snorkel and flippers in Hawaii, Sampras heads for Lyons in ten days, where he will lead the United States team in defence of the Davis Cup on his debut.

As Courier has found in winning just one of his four matches this year, playing for team-mate and country is a different matter altogether from the daily routine of tournaments. "I have thought about Davis Cup a lot since I was picked," Sampras said. "I just hope I play like I have this week."

So will Tom Gorman, the United States captain, who must be thankful for a Sampras victory on Sunday. Courier had already beaten Agassi — and Forget, the French No. 1 — on his way to the final. If Gorman could select his side again, I suspect Courier would be packing his rackets and not his bathing trunks right now.

☐ **Philadelphia** — Monica Seles, the world No. 1 women's player, won her ninth tournament of the season when she beat Jennifer Capriati, of the United States, 7-5, 6-1 on Sunday.

RESULT: Final: P Sampras (US) bt J Courier (US) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4



Breathing down your neck: Edberg, left, is congratulated by Courier, who is closing on the Swede's No. 1 place

RACING

Hennessy plunge gathers pace on Party Politics

By GEORGE RAE

THE substantial gamble on Party Politics for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday continued yesterday.

All the leading bookmakers reported steady support, with Corals, who cut the Nick Gaselee-trained seven-year-old from 12-1 to 7-1, holding a £30,000 liability. Ladbrokes and the Tote offer Party Politics at 8-1, having laid him solidly from 10-1 and 12-1 respectively.

Party Politics, who will be making his seasonal debut, was on offer as high as 20-1 towards the end of last week. "I would have liked to have given him a run," Gaselee said yesterday. "But he's run well fresh before and I don't see it being a major disadvantage.

"He won twice at Newbury last season so he clearly likes the course," Gaselee added. "He would probably prefer the ground a little softer but he is also perfectly capable of handling good ground. I think he is well handicapped."

The going at Newbury is currently good with the back straight good to soft, which encourages the belief that Jenny Pitman could run Garrison Savannah, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner.

However, Mrs Pitman is playing a waiting game. "I won't run him in heavy ground because carrying 12 stone in such a competitive race is difficult enough," she said yesterday. "I will leave it until Friday morning and see what the ground is like."

The bookmakers have taken a positive stance. The eight-year-old is quoted in all the lists, Ladbrokes and the Tote offering a best price of 10-1.

Certainly the other trainers with intended runners will be keeping a close eye on Mrs Pitman's thinking. If Garrison Savannah misses the race, the weights will rise by 8lb, taking last year's winner Arctic Call up to 11st 10lb and also bringing the fancied Irish challenger Rawhide, presently 6lb out of the weights, into the handicap proper.

Arctic Call, attempting to become the first horse to win the Hennessy in successive years since Arkle in 1964 and 65, and Docklands Express, last season's Whitbread Gold Cup winner, still lead the market. Corals have them sharing a 5-1 quote, while Ladbrokes and the Tote have Docklands Express just holding the edge at 9-2.

Seagram, the Grand National winner, has been withdrawn. David Barons, his trainer, said Seagram had not got over his recent comeback race and will run instead at the next Cheltenham meeting.

Sparkling Flame has been left in by Nicky Henderson but is more likely to run at Kempton tomorrow.

NEWBURY POSSIBLES

ADVANCE GOING: GOOD (BACK STRAIGHT GOOD TO SOFT)

1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP

(Grade III: handicap chase: £35,614: 3m 2f 82yd) (22 five-day acceptors)

21/212-2	GARRISON SAVANNAH (D,BF) (Autotour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0	—
112PP-2	ARCTIC CALL (CD,BF) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 8-11-2	—
31F11-2	DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (D) (R Baines) K Bailey 9-11-0	—
111F1-	SPARKLING FLAME (Chandler Hargreaves Ltd) N Henderson 7-10-10	—
P/21311-	AQUILIFER (D) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 11-10-9	—
13/11U2-	CHATAM (C,D,BF) (B Nolan) M Pipe 7-10-8	—
11312-2	GOLD OPTIONS (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-6	—
4/1211P-	PARTY POLITICS (CD) (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 7-10-5	—
3F53P-4	FOUR TRIX (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 10-10-3	—
P143-1F	ESPY (C) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 8-10-0	—
F2P4-41	BORACEVA (D) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 8-10-0	—
1/5FF5-1	PHOENIX GOLD (Phoenix Waterproofing) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-10-0	—
2213P-2	MASTER BOB (C,D) (I Willis) N Henderson 11-9-13	—
P-2F2P2	CUDDY DALE (C) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-9-10	—
22231-4	WHATS THE CRACK (D) (J Wright) Miss H Knight 8-9-9	—
1334F-1	RAWHIDE (Mrs H McCalmont) M Morris (Ire) 7-9-8	—
3/5341-1	ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (Rowlandsons Ltd) D Murray Smith 10-9-7	—
63P32-3	NODFORM (C) (H Joel) J Gifford 7-9-4	—
3U3F-13	KILLBANON (D) (W Ebury) C Trietline 9-9-2	—
3310-F0	BUCKSHEE BOY (C) (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 9-9-0	—
1-1225U	KIRSTY'S BOY (Mrs K McClelland) Miss L Perratt 8-8-11	—
155-122	PRINCE METTERNICH (D,BF) (J Eddell) M Hammond 10-8-10	—

BETTING (Corals): 5-1 Arctic Call, Docklands Express, 7-1 Party Politics, 8-1 Garrison Savannah, 12-1 Boraceva, Chatam, Master Bob, 14-1 Espy, Rawhide, Phoenix Gold, 16-1 others.

Forest Sun last of three

FOREST Sun's reappearance ended in defeat at Leicester yesterday but it may be premature to start writing him off for the Champion Hurdle. The classy six year-old's first run for 590 days saw him finish last of three in the Thorpe Satchville Hurdle, looking badly in need of the outing.

William Hill pushed his odds out from 10-1 to 14-1 for next March's hurdling crown, but Forest Sun showed enough to suggest stable companion Morley Street, the 11-4 favourite, may have a fight on his hands.

Forest Sun, who missed all last season with a tendon injury, jumped well for jockey Jimmy Frost and was travelling strongly as he took the lead going over the third last.

Lack of fitness then began to tell and he faded into third place behind 10-1 winner Propero and 11-10 joint-favourite Montpelier Lad.

Toby Balding said: "He's not had a run for well over a year and was entitled to need that. Jimmy said he was happy three out and then the horse blew up. We'll go next for the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham."

Although travelling the worst of the three runners approaching the third last, Propero battled back gamely to win by seven lengths and he may now go for the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday week.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good to firm (ch); good to soft (hdle)

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, NEWLANDS-GENERAL (M Dwyer, 4-7 fav); 2, Brown Sauce (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3, Meadow Cottage (D Murphy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Turf Run, 20 Victor Bravo, Washingtoncrossing, 40 Tuffnut George (5th), 50 Give Me a Fag (pu), Anna Valley (4th), 66 Aldington Spot (pu), 100 Man Of Mystery, R N Commander, Sons Tonimara, Dolly Oats (6th), Tudor Oaks (pu). 15 ran. 6l, 10l, ½l, nk, 1l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.30, £2.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.51.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, ABERFOYLE (S Smith Eccles, 6-1); 2, Mindy (J Twomey, 5-1); 3, La Pereet (A S Smith, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Rushey Sands, 5 Young Christos, Millie (bd), 8 Kiloanin Girl (6th), 14 Calgroup Lad, 20 Stane Street (4th), 25 Back To Reality (f), 33 Skidaddle (su), 50 Sibyl O'Donnell (5th), Crowpost (pu), Friday Fourball, Turbo-R (pu). 15 ran. NR: Tesekkurederim, Flight Of Song. 1½l, 5l, 3½l, 25l, 5l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £2.10, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £13.20. CSF: £39.15. No bid.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, STAY AWAKE (M Dwyer, 2-9 fav); 2, Ballad Ruler (A Webb, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Hockley (pu). 3 ran. 3½l. J J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.67.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, HASTY DIVER (L Harvey, 5-2); 2, Banker's Gossip (R Dunwoody, 4-9 fav); 3, The Throw (Mr T Jenks, 10-1). 3 ran. 3½l, ½l. J Old at Wroughton. Tote: £2.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.82.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, PROPERO (D Murphy, 10-1); 2, Montpelier Lad (N Doughty, 11-10 jt-fav); 3, Forest Sun (J Frost, 11-10 jt-fav). 3 ran. NR: Marlingford. 7l, hd. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £7.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £18.07.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, TRIPLE WITCHING (M Pitman, 7-2); 2, Village Reindeer (T Reed, 20-1); 3, Palindromic Pip (D Murphy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Interpretation, 3 Rocket Launcher (5th), 20 Lost In Space, 25 Cruise Control, 50 True Steel (4th), Floats, Ima Delight (6th), 66 Birdsend Boy, What's That, Woodlandsfor Power. 13 ran. 2½l, 10l, 4l, 10l, 1½l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.10; £1.10, £5.10, £4.80. DF: £12.60. CSF: £66.05.

2.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, WEDDING FEAST (J Pullin, 12-1); 2, Train Robber (W Irvine, 8-1); 3, Upham View (B Powell, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Odstone Pear, 8 Branwell Bronte (su), Cobblers Lad, 11 Sun-King Johnny (5th), 16 All Gold Boy, 25 River Red (6th), 33 Pigeon Island (4th), Wisebow, Little Ella. 12 ran. 4l, 15l, 10l, 3½l, 6l. J McConnochie at Stratford On Avon. Tote: £8.90; £2.00, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £16.80. CSF: £104.54.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, MIDFIELDER (Peter Hobbs, 6-4 fav); 2, Smartie Express (W Irvine, 13-8); 3, Disco Duke (G Moore, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Armala (6th), 9 Denitz, 14 Colonel Kenson (4th), 20 Countess Blakeney (f), 25 Daybrook Verb, 33 Lizmoss (5th), Miss Blizard (pu), Some Dream. 11 ran. 8l, dist, 3½l, 1l, 5l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.20, £2.70. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.86.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, RICH REMORSE (D Morris, 5-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Iama Zulu (Peter Hobbs, 10-1); 3, Shipwright (M A Fitzgerald, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Record Flight, 6 Bold In Combat, 13-2 Dandy Minstrel (4th), 12 Torre Trader, 14 Pampering, Mr Seagull (5th), 16 Coral Harbour (pu), 20 Sonalto (pu), 33 Paddy Buck (pu), Prince Carlton (6th), 50 Upstanding (pu). 14 ran. Hd, 20l, 3½l, 2l, ¾l. R Curtis at Epsom. Tote: £6.20; £1.90, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £37.00. CSF: £54.86. Tricast: £230.35. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, FRONT PAGE (P Barnard, 5-2 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Spitfire Jubilee (P Verling, 20-1); 3, Early Breeze (R Bellamy, 12-1); 4, Glebelands Girl (L Dace, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Present Times, 5 Ribokeyes Boy (6th), 10 Bright Barley, Silver Age, 11 To Be Fair (5th), 14 Longghurst, 16 Hallowastate (pu), 20 Sing The Blues (pu), Celtic Chimes, 25 Rowhedge, 33 Okaz, 50 Forest Fawn. 16 ran. 8l, 4l, 7l, hd, 5l. J Akehurst at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £3.00, £4.20, £4.80. DF: £41.50. CSF: £56.18. Tricast: £525.89.

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Windsor

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

1.00 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, SECRET LIASON (H Davies, 33-1); 2, Copper Mine (J Osborne, 6-4 fav); 3, Top Villain (S McNeill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Fanatical (4th), Taylors Prince, 9 Jaeger, 12 Bite The Steel, 14 Grey Area, 16 On The Sauce (5th), 20 Secret Summit (6th), Blake's Treasure, Quintz Royale, Chalkey (pu), 25 Grey Tudor, 33 Enchanting Habit, French Legionnaire, Go Pathfinder, Location, Yellow Metal, Gunrunner Girl (pu), Ma Petite Chou, Vinton Va (f). 22 ran. ½l, 12l, 3½l, 1½l, 2½l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £40.20; £6.80, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £87.00. CSF: £85.52.

1.30 (2m 40yd ch) 1, PANTOMIME PRINCE [illegible]

Bangor

Going: soft (ch); good to soft (hdle)

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, Whippers Delight (C Llewellyn, 7-2 fav); 2, Dancing Legend (25-1); 3, Shamealy Baby (50-1). 12 ran. NR: Marchant House, Daisy Grey. 12l, 2l. G Charles-Jones. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £4.00, £7.70. DF: £47.90. CSF: £78.85.

1.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Kameo Style (J Ledder, 11-2); 2, Piet Reey (6-5 fav); 3, D'Or's Gem (12-1). 8 ran. 8l, 2½l. F Jordan. Tote: £5.50; £1.10, £1.70, £3.70. DF: £23.70. CSF: £11.84. Tricast: £84.33.

1.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Voyage Sans Retour (C Grant, 4-6 fav); 2, Purbeck Dove (16-1); 3, April's Baby (16-1). 8 ran. 2l, dist. J J O'Neill. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £16.70. CSF: £11.80.

2.20 (3m hdle) 1, Boreen Jean (D Bridgwater, 5-1); 2, Solid Fuel (14-1); 3, Emily's Star (11-2). Big Mac 6-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Travel Temporaire. 1½l, 2l. K Bridgwater. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £2.30, [illegible]

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TABLE TENNIS

Chen holds the key to World Team Cup

From RICHARD EATON IN BARCELONA

IF ENGLAND are to hold on to the bronze medal position in the sport's richest event, the $155,000 (£90,000) TSP World Team Cup starting at the Olympic venue here today, they will need to take revenge on two counts.

England are drawn in the toughest group in the tournament, which contains Sweden, the world champions, and Germany, who relegated England from the silver to the bronze medal position in last year's European championships. Beating Germany is England's best hope of qualifying, in which case Chen Xinhua would probably have to avenge himself for a final defeat in last month's European Masters by Jorg Roskopf, the world No. 9.

It was in the World Team Cup in Japan last year that Chen, from China, made a successful debut for England, only two days before the change in eligibility rules from two to six years' residence. This time he will be supported by Carl Prean, the England No. 1, which should make it the strongest team England have fielded since the 1950s. Alan Cooke and Matthew Syed are the other members.

England's women have been invited for the first time because Romania have withdrawn. They face powerful opposition in North Korea and Hungary, but Lisa Lomas, the England No. 1, scored the best win of her career earlier this month when she beat Csilla Batorfi, of Hungary, the European No. 1, in the European League.

POOLS FORECAST

THIS week's treble chance selections are a mixture of form draws and unexpected draws, with the third division seeming the most likely to provide upsets. Although Swansea City are bottom of the table and without a League goal away from home, their recent results have been encouraging, and they can surprise Bradford City.

Torquay United are also poorly placed, but their form has been second to none. They are tipped to gain their first away point of the season at the expense of inconsistent Stoke City. It is also worth noting that Torquay are the only League side not to have drawn this season. These runs have to end sometime.

In the first division, another upset is on the cards as Sheffield United, who are playing better than their position of 21st suggests, visit Tottenham Hotspur, who have collected more points away from White Hart Lane. Sunday's victory over Sheffield Wednesday will have done wonders for United's morale, and the can capitalise by drawing on Saturday.

The form draws can be found at Nottingham Forest, Queen's Park Rangers, Oxford United and Chester. Forecasting away wins has proved tricky lately, but Liverpool, at Wimbledon, Millwall, at Grimsby Town, and Portsmouth, at Watford, look particularly tempting propositions, while Manchester City will be disappointed with anything other than a victory at Luton Town.

Saturday November 23 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Everton v Notts Co
2 Luton v Man City
1 Man Utd v West Ham
X Nottm F v C Palace
X QPR v Oldham
2 South'pton v Chelsea
X Tottenham v Sheff Utd
2 Wimbledon v Liverpool

Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Leeds (Sunday); Norwich v Coventry; Sheffield Wednesday v Arsenal

SECOND DIVISION
X Bristol R v Derby
2 Grimsby v Millwall
1 Leicester v Port Vale
1 Middlesbrough v Bristol C
1 Newcastle v Blackburn
X Oxford v Brighton
2 Plymouth v Sunderland
1 Southend v Barnsley
2 Watford v Portsmouth
1 Wolves v Ipswich

Not on coupons: Charlton v Cambridge; Tranmere v Swindon (Friday)

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Nottingham Forest, Queen's Park Rangers, Tottenham, Bristol Rovers, Oxford, Bradford City, Chester, Wrexham, Bishop's Stortford, Dundee United, Clydebank, Morton.

BEST DRAWS: Nottingham Forest, Oxford, Chester, Wrexham, Dundee United.

AWAYS: Liverpool, Millwall, Portsmouth, Scunthorpe, Burnley.

THIRD DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Exeter
2 Bolton v Preston
X Bradford C v Swansea
X Chester v Reading
1 Darlington v Peterboro
2 Fulham v Stockport
1 Leyton O v Hull
1 Shrewsbury v Hartlepool
X Stoke v Torquay
2 West Brom v Hudd'field

Not on coupons: Bournemouth v Brentford (Friday); Wigan v Bury (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Blackpool v Crewe
1 Cardiff v North'pton
1 Carlisle v Hereford
2 Lincoln v Scunthorpe
2 Maidstone v Burnley
1 Mansfield v Gillingham
1 Rochdale v Barnet
X Wrexham v Chest'field
1 York v Aldershot

Not on coupons: Halifax v Scarborough (Friday), Rotherham v Walsall (Friday)

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
2 Aylesbury v Hayes
X B Stortford v Grays
2 Bognor v Harrow
1 Dagenham v Kingstonian

HOMES: Manchester United, Leicester, Southend, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Cardiff, Mansfield, York, Dagenham, Rangers, Brechin, East Fife.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Southend, Birmingham, Mansfield, York, Rangers. Aways: Liverpool, Scunthorpe, Celtic. Draws: Charlton, Oxford, Chester.

SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Airdrie v Celtic
X Dundee U v Hearts
2 Dunf'mline v Motherwell
1 Falkirk v S Johnst'ne
X Hibernian v Aberdeen
1 Rangers v St Mirren

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Clydebank v Hamilton
1 Forfar v Stirling
1 Kilmarnock v Dundee
2 Meadowbank v Ayr
2 Montrose v Partick
X Morton v Raith

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Albion v Cowdenbeath
1 Alloa v Q of Sth
1 Brechin v Berwick
1 Clyde v Dumbarton
1 East Fife v Stenh'muir

Not on coupons: East Stirling v Arbroath; Queen's Park v Stranraer

☐ Vince Wright

Irish are masters in the art of finishing second

By HENRY KELLY

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

IT WAS another typically Irish week for sport on television: every time you saw green jerseys, they were coming second in something.

This rule applied even when they actually won a game, as they did in Turkey. To no avail. The magnificent English footballers — well, to be accurate, Gary Lineker's right foot — rose to the occasion and it will be Graham Taylor who heads to Sweden next year, not Jack Charlton.

Jack will have to settle for staying in Ireland while his canonisation papers are gone through one more time before he officially becomes a saint of this parish.

Irish rugby players came second in *Rugby Special* on BBC2 on Sunday afternoon but other teams were given a warning that this particular bunch of exiles means business in the higher reaches of workaday English rugby.

It was a splendid opening game in the first division for London Irish and to get so close to beating Bath, even without Jeremy Guscott, was quite a feat. And didn't it prove that the coverage of the Rugby World Cup has whetted our appetite for more rugby on television?

I think so and, when I watched Saturday afternoon's rugby league coverage, I was wondering why it is that our diet of live rugby union this season will again be restricted to the five nations' championship, the University match and a few fleeting glimpses here and there throughout the season.

Who is stopping rugby being properly and extensively covered on television? I think we have a right to know.

At school, rugby practice often consisted of the world's most boring routine. It was known as "gaining ground" and was great fun for the boys who could kick a rugby ball from one postal district to another. It was spectacularly boring for everyone else since it involved no running but a series of kicks from one set of boys to another in efforts to find touch.

Then, when one group thought they were close enough, they tried to kick a goal. After that, the whole boring process started all over again. Some of us used to opt for Latin detention to avoid the afternoon on a soggy pitch watching some fellow showing off.

I was reminded of "gaining ground" when watching the American football on Channel 4 on Sunday night. Don't get me wrong: the coverage is excellent and the commentators are first-class. But it doesn't hold the attention for long enough because nothing ever happens for long enough in it.

Charlton: staying home

It is essentially a two-bit game — in one bit, you get the ball; in the next bit, you throw it. Generally speaking, that's that. Watching some of the runs made by the Washington Redskins and even the Denver Broncos — two of the sides on view on Sunday — I desperately wanted the ball to be passed more than once.

But that's not the game, alas. Instead, it's a sort of cross between chess for weightlifters and a series of 25-metre dashes such as you have on a primary school sports day.

I hear a rumour circulating that some of the country's leading football clubs may be about to back a move for a version of closed-circuit television, whereby matches could be shown in clubs and pubs, especially when there are suggestions that a game is all-ticket and fully sold.

Correct me if I'm wrong but I thought that's what the television companies were meant to do. Does this mean the people charged with bringing us our live sport on television are not actually providing what the public wants? Perish the thought!

Finally: I hear another rumour, this time that the BBC's *Trainer* may not run again. Pity. It wasn't great and it was so slow at times I thought it had stopped, but it wasn't that bad.

A lot of television programmes that get a repeat series shouldn't have been broadcast the first time. *Trainer* wasn't in that class. It deserves another chance.

Its race-read at the moment would have to be: slowly away, mid-division throughout; mistakes third last and last; recovered; ran on; closest at finish. Worth watching.

ICE HOCKEY

Panthers claim top spot

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

NOTTINGHAM Panthers are the new leaders in the premier division of the Heineken League after wins over Norwich and Peterborough Pirates and Bracknell Bees.

The Bees, however, caused the upset of the week, ending **Humberside Seahawks'** unbeaten home record. Perhaps the Seahawks were guilty of complacency, as were **Swindon Wildcats** when they faced **Milton Keynes Kings** in their first division match.

The Kings led 3-0 by the sixteenth minute, but the Wildcats pulled themselves together and scored the next 13 goals, with Ryan Stewart once again leading the way.

This kept the Wildcats in second place, three points behind **Fife Flyers**, who beat **Blackburn Blackhawks** home and away, scoring 23 goals in the process. The Blackhawks suffered another blow when their imported forward, Shaun Lillie, departed suddenly.

The premier division continues to be close and unpredictable, with **Durham Wasps** still in sixth place, but with wins over **Ayr Raiders** and **Billingham Bombers**, only five points behind the Panthers with a game in hand. **Murrayfield Racers** continue to improve and are now eighth. Their new import, Kyle McDonough, had six assists against the Raiders.

RESULTS: Heineken League premier division: Ayr Raiders 5, Durham Wasps 9; Billingham Bombers 6, Whitley Warriors 11; Humberside Seahawks 5, Bracknell Bees 7; Nottingham Panthers 7, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates, 1; Bracknell Bees 3, Nottingham Panthers 6; Cardiff Devils 7, Humberside Seahawks 5; Durham Wasps 7, Billingham Bombers 4; Murrayfield Racers 10, Ayr Raiders 4; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 8, Whitley Warriors 6. First division: Basingstoke Beavers 9, Slough Jets 6; Fife Flyers 9, Blackburn Blackhawks 4; Milton Keynes Kings 3, Swindon Wildcats 13; Telford Tigers 10, Trafford Metros 8; Blackburn Blackhawks 9, Fife Flyers 14; Lee Valley Lions 10, Telford Tigers 7; Trafford Metros 6, Romford Raiders 15.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Super Cup

Manchester Utd v Red Star Belgrade (8.0)

Barclays League
Fourth division

Blackpool v Wrexham

Rumbelows Cup
Third-round replay

Crystal Palace v Birmingham (8.0)

Zenith Data Systems Cup
Northern Area
Quarter-final

Aston Villa v Nottm Forest

Autoglass Trophy
Preliminary round
Northern section

Bradford v Hartlepool
Burnley v Doncaster
Bury v Halifax
Carlisle v Stockport
Crewe v Chester
Huddersfield v Scarborough
Preston v Bolton

Southern section

Barnet v Aldershot (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Lincoln
Swansea v Cardiff
Torquay v Hereford

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bob Lord Trophy
Second round

Slough v Kidderminster

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Hibernian v Rangers

First division

Ayr v Hamilton
Clydebank v Partick
Dundee v Stirling
Forfar v Meadowbank
Morton v Kilmarnock
Raith v Montrose

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays v Aylesbury; St Albans v Harrow. First division: Abingdon v Barking; Dorking v Chalfont St Peter; Maidenhead v Leyton Wingate. Second division: Barton v Saffron Walden; Egham v Southwick; Malden Vale v Purfleet; Metropolitan Police v Billericay; Ware v Berkhamsted; Witham v Southall. Third division: Camberley v Horsham; Chertsey v Hertford; Eastbourne v Hampton. League Cup: Hayes v Yeading; Marlow v Windsor and Eton; Woking v Rainham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromsgrove v Burton; Dorchester v Trowbridge; Gravesend v Fisher. Midland division: Bedworth v Rushden; Grantham v Sutton Coldfield; King's Lynn v Leicester; Newport AFC v Redditch; RC Warwick v Dudley; Stroud v Alvechurch. Southern division: Andover v Gosport Borough; Ashford v Margate; Baldock v Sudbury; Braintree v Bury; Erith and Belvedere v Dunstable; Newport IOW v Weymouth; Sittingbourne v Buckingham.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Knowsley v Workington; Rhyl v Winsford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Minehead.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Rotherham (7.0). Second division: Derby v Stoke (7.0); Notts County v Grimsby; Wigan v Middlesbrough (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Reading v Chelsea (2.0); West Ham v Watford (2.0).

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe v Halstead; Harwich and Parkeston v Brantham Athletic; Walton v Newmarket.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Maltby MW v Spennymoor.

CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Hereford Utd v Cheltenham; Swansea City v Bristol Rovers.

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Bramley v Featherstone.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: UK championship (Preston)

Lumberjack to head Dwyer treble

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

MARK Dwyer should be worth following at Wetherby this afternoon when Jimmy Fitzgerald's stylish stable jockey can land a treble on Wake Up (1.00), **Lumberjack** (2.00) and **Dari Sound** (3.30), the last two trained by Fitzgerald.

Lumberjack, my selection for the A F Budge Ltd Handicap Chase, is owned by Tony Budge, whose company sponsors the race.

At Market Rasen last season, Lumberjack won a similar race confined to novices before going on to score over today's course and distance.

That performance showed that these fences hold no terrors for him, even though he was to fall next time out at Ascot where he started favourite for the race won by Kim Bailey's rising star, Kings Fountain.

Having beaten Fighting Finish by seven lengths when he won at Wetherby last season, Lumberjack should be capable of holding that horse's challenge again on 8lb worse terms.

A greater danger in my view will be posed by the top-weight, Tartan Tailor, who ran well up to a point on his seasonal debut in the race won by Celtic Shot.

It is not clear whether lack of peak fitness told or Tartan Tailor's stamina gave out that day. Since he looked fairly straight in condition, I believe it was probably the latter and, not surprisingly, his distance has been reduced by half a mile this afternoon.

While the Fitzgerald-Dwyer combination will also be hoping to win the Colonel Dick Warden Memorial Chase with *Island Jetsetter*, I prefer the top-weight, **Springholm**.

David Nicholson, Springholm's trainer, is a rare visitor to Wetherby but he can land a double today, initiated by **Salamander Joe**. Victory for Salamander Joe, who is napped to win the W A Stephenson Novices' Chase on the strength of his win at Wolverhampton earlier this month, will highlight the chance that **Mister Gebo**, his nearest pursuer on that occasion, has of taking the Rainworth Novices' Chase at Nottingham.

Also at the Midlands track, **Maudlins Cross** (2.15) and **Firm Price** (3.45) look to be two more prospective winners for Mary Reveley and Peter Niven.

Majed, who was denied his chance of making a winning debut over jumps at Ascot on Saturday when the fog closed in, can do so now by ending the unbeaten records of Domain and Lyphar Dancer in the Merit Three-Year-Old Hurdle.

Finally, the easy Bangor winner **Petosku** (12.40) can extend his trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies's fine recent run of success by winning again at Newton Abbot.

The very sharp nature of the Devon track looks tailor-made to suit a front-runner of the calibre of My Young Man, who is taken to win the Patsy Collins-Jones Handicap Chase, having been outstayed by Amari King around Newbury last time.

WETHERBY

MANDARIN
1.00 Wake Up.
1.30 SALAMANDER JOE (nap).
2.00 Lumberjack.
2.30 Ballylord.
3.00 Springholm.
3.30 Dari Sound.

THUNDERER
1.00 Abigail's Dream.
1.30 Johnny's Slipper.
2.00 Lumberjack.
2.30 Abnegation.
3.00 Edberg.
3.30 Dr Bill.

RICHARD EVANS
1.30 Johnny's Slipper.
3.00 Edberg.

The Times Private *Handi*capper's top rating: 2.30 **BALLYLORD.**

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 JACK BERRY SELLING HURDLE (£2,180: 2m 4f) (19 runners)

1 5233/14- BATTLEPLAN 353 (G,S) (Paddocks Racing (Two)) K Bridgwater 6-11-10 W Humphreys 79
2 18044/2- HYDEONIUS 11F (F,G) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 6-11-10 L Mullaney (7) 86
3 5P-5001 REEF LARK 7 (D,F,S) (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-11-10 A Orkney 89
4 212-606 WAKE UP 7 (F,S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 4-11-8 M Dwyer 98
5 P0/8/21- CAMDEN KNIGHT 10F (G) (D Pickles) N Bycroft 6-11-5 M Maloney (3) 81
6 S1450-0 MARCH ABOVE 15 (V,G) (B Stevens) B Stevens 5-11-5 M Stevens (7) 77
7 4416P// MUTARID 907 (F) (V Bootle) K Morgan 6-11-5 A S Smith —
8 1132-F2 ABIGAIL'S DREAM 7F (D) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Jenkins 4-11-3 R Dunwoody ● 99
9 330035- DANCING DAYS 32F (V) (J Parkes) J Parkes 5-11-0 N Smith (5) 83
10 034/ POWER BOAT 598 (K Hanson) M Avison 5-11-0 A Maguire (3) —
11 P510-00 CORLY SPECIAL 8 (B,F) (J Butler) L Codd 4-10-12 F Murtagh (7) 77
12 533-2 *FINELY BALANCED* 11F (*Albury Racing Ltd*) *R Curtis* 4-10-12 *D Morris* 89
13 F2-PP08 KILTONGA 15 (P Leach) P Leach 4-10-12 — —
14 0-0 SINGING DETECTIVE 11 (J Mills Office Equipment) M Brittain 4-10-12 D Byrne —
15 00P-P05 *MAGIC BLOOM* 39 (P Nelson) J Dooler 5-10-9 D Wilkinson —
16 PP0- CHANTERESSE 199 (W Smith) W Smith 4-10-7 — —
17 KINGSLEY 71F (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 4-10-7 — —
18 2F-3 SONG OF GYMCRAK 7 (BF) (Gymcrak Racing II Plc) M H Easterby 4-10-7 R Garritty 87
19 SWEETER STILL (Conjem Ltd) Mrs P Barker 4-10-7 C Hawkins —

BETTING: 9-2 Reef Lark, 5-1 Song Of Gymcrak, 11-2 Wake Up, 6-1 Hydeonius, 7-1 Abigail's Dream, Camden Knight, 8-1 Battleplan, Dancing Days, 12-1 Finely Balanced, Kingsley, 14-1 others.

1990: EDWARD LEAR 4-10-12 *M Dwyer* (7-2) *Jimmy Fitzgerald* 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BATTLEPLAN beat Catch The Cross 1½l in 12-runner Wolverhampton (*3m 6f 110yd, good*) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. HYDEONIUS 1½l 2nd of 6 to Choctaw in Sedgefield (2m 4f, good to soft) ladies handicap hurdle.
REEF LARK beat De Valera ½l in 13-runner Sedgefield (*2m 4f, good to firm*) selling hurdle with *SONG OF* GYMCRAK (7lb better off) 1l 3rd. WAKE UP 30l 6th of 11 to Valiant Boy in Sedgefield (2m, good to firm) *handicap hurdle*. CAMDEN KNIGHT beat Newholme Farm 1l in 9-runner Hexham (2m, good) novice handicap hurdle. ABIGAIL'S DREAM 1½l 2nd of 10 to Fast Cruise in Bangor (2m, good) handicap hurdle. FINELY BALANCED 1½l 2nd of 7 to Amadora in Devon (2m 3f, *good*) selling novice hurdle.
Selection: ABIGAIL'S DREAM

1.30 *W A STEPHENSON NOVICES CHASE* (£3,002: 3m 100yd) (11 runners)

1 *242-1 JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 10 (D,F) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-11-6* K Johnson 98
2 3140-P1 SALAMANDER JOE 15 (F,G) (G Mordaunt) D Nicholson 6-11-6 R Dunwoody ● 99
3 2PP54-5 BRUSHFORD 66 (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-0 K Jones 81
4 *5U0PU-3 BULLET TRAIN 10 (S) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0* R Stronge 91
5 U26405- CELTIC BREEZE 213 (H Gething) M Naughton 8-11-0 A Orkney 87
6 25PP-22 CONCERT PAPER 8 (B,BF,G,S) (S Hammond) R O'Leary 7-11-0 C Grant 91
7 F113P-P OTTERBURN *HOUSE 18 (F,G,S) (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0 M Dwyer* —
8 000F5-5 PRECIOUS MEMORIES 11 (G) (J McCann) J Leigh 8-11-0 A Maguire (3) —
9 4//P0/4- SILVERHILLS 246 (Mrs C Furey) P Leach 8-11-0 — —
10 000/P0 ROONEY 11 (M Kelly) G Oldroyd 5-10-12 *P Midgley (7)* —
11 82 SANDY BEAU 10 (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-10-12 N Doughty 93

BETTING: 7-4 Otterburn House, 2-1 Johnny's Slipper, 7-2 Salamander Joe, 8-1 Concert Paper, 12-1 Sandy Beau, 16-1 Bullet Train, 20-1 others.

1990: WHAT ABOUT ME 7-11-3 J O'Gorman (10-11 jt-fav) Mrs S Bramall 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

JOHNNY'S SLIPPER beat SANDY BEAU (6lb better off) 1½l in 6-runner Newcastle (3m, good to firm) novice chase with BULLET TRAIN (6lb better off) 5l 3rd.
SALAMANDER JOE beat Mister Gebo 1l in 7-runner Wolverhampton (3m 1f, *good to firm*) *novice chase*. BRUSHFORD 5th of 11 to Dunbrody Abbey in Worcester (3m, firm) novice chase. CONCERT PAPER 2l 2nd of 5 to Real Class in Haydock (3m, good to firm) novice chase. OTTERBURN *HOUSE beat* Burgoyne ¾l in Haydock (2m 6f, good to soft) novice hurdle last December. PRECIOUS MEMORIES 5th of 13 to Icarus *in Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to firm)* novice chase with ROONEY (same terms) 7th.
Selection: SALAMANDER JOE

2.00 A F BUDGE LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 2m 4f 100yd) (7 runners)

1 1PP00-5 TARTAN TAILOR 17 (C,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 10-12-0 N Doughty ● 99
2 *4044-14 OLD APPLEJACK 17 (CD,F,G,S)* (G Tobitt) J Johnson 11-11-10 T Reed 97
3 F3-P332 WIGTOWN BAY 18 (CD,F,G) *(Provan Hatch Bloodstock Ltd)* J Mackie 8-10-8 D Tagg 93
4 128-2U3 JOHN O'DEE 27 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-8 A Maguire (3) 98
5 15011F- LUMBERJACK 220 (CD,G,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-8 M Dwyer 83
6 U614-7F CHOICE CHALLANGE 17 *(CD,BF,F,G,S) (D Sills)* M Hammond 8-10-4 R Dunwoody 97
7 22241-1 FIGHTING FINISH 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Scotto) W A Stephenson 7-10-0 C Grant 88

Long handicap: Fighting Finish 9-8.

BETTING: 5-2 Lumberjack, 3-1 Choice Challange, 9-2 Wigtown Bay, 11-2 Fighting Finish, 8-1 Tartan Tailor, 10-1 Old Applejack, 12-1 John O'Dee.

1990: IMPERTAIN 10-11-10 N Smith (14-1) T Cunningham 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

OLD APPLEJACK 11½l 4th *of 8 to Celtic Shot here* (3m, good) with TARTAN TAILOR (4lb worse off) 8l 5th. WIGTOWN BAY sh hd 2nd of 6 to Solar Cloud at Bangor (2m 4f, soft)
JOHN O'DEE 30l 3rd of 5 to Third In Line at Ascot (3m, good to firm). LUMBERJACK beat FIGHTING FINISH (8lb better off) 7l over course and distance (good) in April. CHOICE CHALLANGE beat Captain Mor 3½l over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. FIGHTING FINISH beat Comet 2l at Hexham (2m 4f, good).
Selection: CHOICE CHALLANGE

2.30 DENYS SMITH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,127: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 5008-11 MILITARY SECRET 35 (D,F) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-12 A Larnach (5) 82
2 02F4-41 ABNEGATION 10 (F) (J Henderson (Gateshead)) J Johnson 6-11-5 D J Moffatt (5) 89
3 4344- RIDWAN 232 (T Barr) K Morgan 4-11-4 A S Smith 89
4 405/4-62 FOGGY SCOTCH 11 (BF) (Mrs D Horner) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-0 R Hodge 86
5 00-0 SNILINSKI 18 (A Watson) G Moore 4-10-13 N Bentley (5) —
6 6556P-4 MEADOWVALE 8 (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 A Maguire 80
7 00-008 NOTARY-NOWELL 27 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-10-6 D Leahy (5) —
8 04560-5 COLONIAL LORD 31 (I Swift) Mrs S Bramall 5-10-6 J H Burke (7) 89
9 0F8PP- UNOR 250 (Miss H Hamilton) T Tate 5-10-4 W Fry (7) 86
10 0082-4 WHITEWEBB 11 (V) (North East Paper Co Ltd) B Murray 4-10-1 P Midgley 90
11 55P2P-3 BALLYLORD 8 (J Clayton) J J O'Neill 7-10-1 F Murtagh ● 99
12 3-F3000 OUR VISION 12 (B) (T Lang) L Codd 4-10-0 *D Bentley (7)* 80
13 030- MAC RAMBLER 31F (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 4-10-0 M Moloney 82

Long handicap: Our Vision 9-9, Mac Rambler 9-9.

BETTING: 11-4 Foggy Scotch, 7-2 Military Secret, 4-1 Abnegation, 5-1 Ridwan, 11-2 Meadowvale, 8-1 Ballylord.

1990: ICARUS 4-10-8 L Wyer (7-2) M H Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MILITARY SECRET beat Back Before Dark nk at Sedgefield (3m 2f 110yd). ABNEGATION beat Tallywagger 8l at *Newcastle* (2m, good to firm).
RIDWAN 7l 4th of 9 to Jodami over course and distance (good). *FOGGY SCOTCH 8l 2nd of 8 to Odstone* Pear at Market Rasen (2m 6f, good to firm). MEADOWVALE 8¾l 4th of 11 to Midland Lad at Carlisle (3m 110yd, soft). BALLYLORD 2½l 3rd *of* 15 to Hard To Hold at Carlisle (2m 4f, soft)
Selection: *RIDWAN*

3.00 COLONEL DICK WARDEN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,841: 2m 50yd) (5 runners)

1 1352-12 SPRINGHOLM 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 9-12-0 R Dunwoody 98
2 21224-1 EDBERG 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Derby) J Johnson 7-11-1 A Orkney ● 99
3 3111-32 CORNET 11 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 5-11-1 C Grant 97
4 11-121F *ISLAND JETSETTER 19 (D,F,G,S)* (N Wilby) *Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-4* M Dwyer 95
5 126F15- SAILOR'S DELIGHT 171 (F) (T McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 7-10-0 K Johnson 90

Long handicap: Sailor's Delight 9-8.

BETTING: 7-4 Springholm, 5-2 Edberg, 7-2 Island Jetsetter, 11-2 Sailor's Delight, 8-1 Cornet.

1990: GREENHEART 7-12-0 C Grant (4-1) W A Stephenson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPRINGHOLM 5l 2nd of 4 to Special in Hereford (2m, good) handicap chase. *EDBERG* beat Kind's Smart 2½l at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to firm).
CORNET 2l 2nd of 5 to Fighting Finish in Hexham (2m *4f, good) handicap chase*. ISLAND JETSETTER *beat* Midland Express sh hd in 4-runner Perth (2m, good to soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. *SAILOR'S* DELIGHT 7l 3rd of 11 to Palm Reader in Market Rasen (2m 6f, good to firm) handicap chase.
Selection: *ISLAND JETSETTER*

3.30 T KILROE GROUP LTD NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,075: 2m) (15 runners)

1 51 DARI SOUND 7 *(F)* (D) (Mrs K Leckenby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-3 M Dwyer —
2 415 COLORADO INSIGHT 20 (F) (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 10-12 A Maguire (3) —
3 50 ANTONIN 7 (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 10-10 J O'Gorman —
4 BOLGHERI 34F (E Incisa) *N Tinkler 10-10* M Hill —
5 BYZANTINE 21F (R Ogden) Miss S Hall 10-10 N Doughty —
6 CARABALI DANCER 129F (P Wilson) D Garraton 10-10 — —
7 CHIEF RAIDER *(W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-10* J Supple (7) —
8 52 DR BILL 18 (B) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 10-10 R Garritty —
9 EXECUTION ONLY 27F (J Thompson) J J O'Neill 10-10 C Grant —
10 0 PROSPECTING 7 (G Shouler) M W Easterby 10-10 C Ryan (7) —
11 QUALITAIR SOUND 58F (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 10-10 J J Quinn —
12 0 VALID POINT 7 (R Bromby) M Brittain 10-10 D Byrne —
13 0 COMMANCHE SIOUX 14 (Mrs L Cooper) K Morgan 10-5 A S Smith —
14 08 *JULIETSKI 13 (S Brankin)* M Hammond 10-5 R Dunwoody —
15 OLD PEG 11F (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 10-5 R Fahey —

BETTING: 13-8 Dari Sound, 9-2 Dr Bill, 11-2 Julietski, 7-1 Old Peg, Colorado Insight, 8-1 Execution Only.

1990: DAWSON CITY 10-9 L Wyer (1-3 fav) *M H* Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARI SOUND beat Gymcrak Sovereign 3½l at Sedgefield (2m, good to firm) with PROSPECTING (7lb better off) 14½l 8th VALID POINT (7lb better off) 4l 10th and ANTONIN 19l 15th.
COLORADO INSIGHT beat Carole's King 1l at Market Rasen (2m 1f, firm) on penultimate start. DR BILL 4l 2nd of 17 to Petosku at Bangor (2m, soft) with DARI *SOUND (7lb worse off) 17l 5th. JULIETSKI 21l 3rd of* 11 to Masai Mara at Kelso (2m) with ANTONIN 12l 5th.
Selection: DR BILL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Richards	25	110	22.7	A S Smith	4	17	23.5
K Morgan	9	40	22.5	N Doughty	12	52	23.1
J Mackie	5	24	20.8	M Dwyer	27	148	18.2
Jimmy Fitzgerald	17	85	20.0	T Reed	9	60	15.0
Mrs G Reveley	12	60	20.0	D Byrne	4	27	14.8
M H Easterby	22	116	19.0	C Grant	26	178	14.6

NEWTON ABBOT

MANDARIN
12.40 Petosku.
1.10 Seaton Girl.
1.40 Last House.
2.10 Bollinger.
2.40 My Young Man.
3.10 Granny Pray On.
3.40 Scally's Choice.

THUNDERER
12.40 Petosku.
1.10 SNOOKER TABLE (nap).
1.40 Double Tricks.
2.10 Tarkovsky.
2.40 Uncle Eli.
3.10 Granny Pray On.
3.40 Maori Iceman.

RICHARD EVANS
2.10 TARKOVSKY (nap).

GOING: SOFT

12.40 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,607: 2m 150yd) (11 runners)

1 31 PETOSKU 18 (D,S) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 11-4 *C Llewellyn* —
2 ACE HILL (Mrs S Powell) C Nash 10-12 B Powell —
3 P CASTLE REUBEN 18 (P Walters) R Dickin 10-12 D Meredith (7) —
4 COZZI (S Manana) D Nicholson 10-12 D Bridgwater (3) —
5 GREY BERTINO (*C Wheeler*) C Smith 10-12 Martin Jones —
6 LO-FLYING MISSILE (B Clifford) D Wilson 10-12 S Smith-Eccles —
7 NORTHERN CORNER (Mrs E Elliot) Mrs J Retter 10-12 — —
8 PEATSWOOD (P Tapfin) *M Channon* 10-12 Lorna Vincent —
9 *0* YASHCADAN 40 (W Parish) W G Turner 10-12 S Earle —
10 ABSALOM'S LADY (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 10-7 J Frost —
11 6 PLAYFUL JULIET 14 (*J Vickerstaff*) B Cambidge 10-7 J Cambidge —

BETTING: 4-6 Petosku, 7-2 Cozzi, 8-1 Absalom's Lady, 10-1 Lo-Flying Missile, 12-1 Peatswood, 14-1 others.

1990: MISTRESS LIL 9-13 S Burrough (100-30 fav) J Baker 16 ran

1.10 SHELL UK OIL SELLING HURDLE (£1,643: 2m 150yd) (18 runners)

1 /0FF5/F- SANTOPADRE 423 (D,F,G,S) *(Mrs J Holland)* O O'Neill 9-11-12 V Slattery (5) —
2 34305P SNOOKER TABLE 5 (B,D,F,G) (C Pester) W Williams 8-11-9 I Shoemark ● 99
3 *P00/4/0* EASTER RAMBLER 15 (D,F) (O Henley) R Bennett 9-11-6 *W Elderfield* —
4 3U23-00 EL CAPISTRANO 12 (D,F) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 10-11-6 A Lejeune (7) 82
5 6126/ PARTY PRINCE 526F (D,G) (T Dyer) C Weedon 7-11-6 Peter Hobbs —
6 *P2033-0* SEE NOW 15 (CD,S) (D Bell) Mrs A Knight 6-11-6 *G Knight* 87
7 254PP-4 SEATON GIRL 43 (D,F,S) (*Mrs J McCormack*) *R Frost* 7-11-1 J Frost 88
8 600- BIG ECK 211*F (D Powell)* Grenville Richards 4-11-0 B Powell —
9 0-P EWHONOSEBEST 42 (B Young) B Young 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER —
10 *P4420P-* FEARSOME 172 (A Joynson) Mrs J *Wonnacott 5-11-0* Mr A Wonnacott 82
11 045/000- FIRST ADMIRAL 360 (L Nash) D Windle 5-11-0 P McDermott —
12 UPP/P- FOX'S *FROLIC* 251 (J Baker) J Baker 6-11-0 N Coleman —
13 *538* NAILEM 28 (A Walton) R Hoad 4-11-0 *M Hoad* —
14 2-545P0 PASSO ALL'ERTA 15 (*A Fulwell*) P *Cowley* 8-11-0 — —
15 5/0-F40 RONGWHEEL 14 *(Mrs L Bergin)* Mrs J Wonnacott 9-11-0 S Donoghue (5) —
16 0- *SE-AQ 22F* (A Skidmore) C Popham 8-11-0 P Verling (3) —
17 *23F322* SHELLY'S FOLLY 11 (BF) *(Palacegate Corporation Ltd)* K Burke 8-11-0 W Marston (7) 88
18 4 BALISHY 34F (BF) (*B Schaler*) *R* Holder 4-10-9 N Mann —

BETTING: 7-2 Shelly's Folly, *9-2 Seaton Girl*, 5-1 Snooker Table, 8-1 Balishy, 8-1 Nailem, 10-1 Se-Aq, Fearsome.

1990: SEE NOW 5-11-0 G Knight (11-1) Mrs A Knight 15 ran

1.40 *CLAUDE* WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP (*Handicap* chase: £3,103: 3m 2f 100yd) (*6 runners*)

1 1353F-U LAST HOUSE 6 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs *M Easton*) Mrs M Easton 8-12-0 Mr M Batters (7) 91
2 */1PUPP/* TROUT ANGLER 544 (F,G,S) (P Trant) M Channon 10-10-10 Lorna Vincent —
3 40324-P PADDY BUCK 14 *(F,S)* (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 11-10-0 — 98
4 2/4500F- *DOUBLE* TRICKS 280 (G) (R Thomas Williams) R Holder 8-10-0 B Powell ● 99
5 *0/PP3-3* QUITO PRINCE 14 (G) (Mrs E Ellis) K Bishop 10-10-0 R Greene (5) 85
6 5540-PU SILVER SKYLARK 17 (*C Lloyd-Baker*) A Dunn 7-10-0 Peter Hobbs 79

Long handicap: Paddy Buck 9-10, *Double* Tricks 9-9, Quito Prince 9-3, Silver Skylark 8-2.

BETTING: 11-4 Last House, 3-1 Quito Prince, 4-1 Paddy Buck, 6-1 *Double Tricks*, 8-1 Silver Skylark.

1990: CHATAM 6-11-12 J Lower (4-6 fav) *M Pipe* 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Thomson Jones	3	4	75.0	N Mann	7	30	23.3
Mrs M Easton	3	7	42.9	N Coleman	16	88	18.2
T Forster	3	7	42.9	M A Fitzgerald	4	24	16.7
M Pipe	117	315	37.1	*Peter Hobbs*	12	76	15.8
A Dunn	3	11	27.3	C Llewellyn	6	40	15.0
C Brooks	4	18	22.2	A Tory	8	54	14.8

2.10 SOUTH-WEST RACECOURSES AMATEUR RIDERS SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (Round 3: £1,883: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 431225 SWEET GLOW 17 (C,F,G) (Fairford Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 4-12-0 F Mormier (3) 86
2 *28PP63- SONNY HILL LAD 201 (CD,F,G,S) (P Dening) R Holder 8-11-4* K Whiting (7) ● 99
3 341054- TARKOVSKY 194 (S) (J Watkins) R Lee 6-11-1 A Brown (7) 91
4 0/P1202- BARON TWO SHOES 217 (S) (Mrs T Cockram) P Blockley 5-10-10 — 89
5 U40-143 *BASILEA 25 (B,BF,F,S)* (S Sainsbury) *T Forster 8-10-9* R Farrant 88
6 102F0-1 BOLLINGER 15 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 5-10-8 G Cosgrove (7) 88
7 /0320-P QUEEN'S ANTHEM 6 (S) (Mrs D Thompson) R Dickin 8-10-5 — 93
8 015600- DROWSY 197 *(B,S) (R Clark)* O Sherwood 8-10-4 J Durkan (3) 98
9 R/FPPP0- DUCKHAVEN 196 (B,CD,G,S) (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 8-10-2 R Darke (7) —
10 423231 HARD TO HOLD 8 (F,G,S) (Mrs V Hambly) C Beever 8-10-0 (6ex) — 84
11 31- *SMOOTH STYLE 210 (F) (Paul Green) C Brooks 7-10-0* N Walker (7) 90
12 300202- MASTER DANCER 176 (G,S) (C Elliot) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 Miss S Elliot 98
13 40100/0 HAMPER 12 (B,G,S) (N Hoare) N Mitchell 8-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7) —
14 PPP0-60 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 15 (C,F,G,S) (N Pay) *J Thomas 5-10-0* *N Miles (7)* 90
15 /5P/0/1- MR LION 271 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 9-10-0 Miss J Southcombe (7) 74
16 000540- BOCA CHIMES 223 (G) (R A Brown) Grenville Richards 6-10-0 T Jackson (7) 79
17 06PF-P6 JUDYS LINE 12 (C,S) (Miss S Waterman) *Miss S Waterman 7-10-0* Miss S Waterman —
18 2U/405P- WIMBLEBALL 251 (F,S) (J Payne) J Payne 11-10-0 R Payne (7) —

Long handicap: Smooth Style 9-12, Master Dancer 9-12, Hamper 9-9, Bright Sapphire 9-6, Mr Lion 9-6, Boca Chimes 9-5, Judys Line 8-7, Wimbleball 8-7.

BETTING: 3-1 *Basilea*, 4-1 *Bollinger*, 5-1 *Sweet Glow*, 6-1 *Smooth Style*, 7-1 *Master Dancer*, 8-1 *Hard To Hold*, 10-1 Mr Lion, 12-1 others.

1990: NICK THE DREAMER 5-10-2 B Clifford (9-1) W G M Turner 11 ran

2.40 PATSY COLLINS-JONES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,692: 2m 150yd) (7 runners)

1 1U160-2 MY YOUNG MAN 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 8-12-0 G Bradley 93
2 331F1-F BEAU CHARM 6 (BF,G,S) (Ultimate Racing Ltd) J Gifford 7-11-4 E McKinley 90
3 *13/12F2- EXPEDITIOUS 187 (CD,F,G) (G Taylor-Webber) T Hallett 11-10-12* A Webb 90
4 5/P1F-F UNCLE ELI 6 (D,BF,S) (R Tory) P Hobbs 8-10-11 Peter Hobbs ● 99
5 410-353 DR ROCKET 11 (D,F,G) (G Downey) R Dickin 5-10-0 S Earle 94
6 *442432 SANDMOOR PRINCE 15 (D,F) (Mrs T Pritchard)* Dr P Pritchard 8-10-0 Dr P Pritchard 88
7 F/6-3526 DRAGONADE 14 (B Young) B Young 10-10-0 G Moore 72

Long handicap: Sandmoor Prince 8-8, Dragonade 8-6.

BETTING: 9-4 My Young Man, 3-1 Beau Charm, 4-1 Uncle Eli, Expeditious, 8-1 *Dr Rocket*, *16-1 Sandmoor Prince*, 20-1 Dragonade.

1990: SOUTH POOL 6-10-2 N Hawke (3-1) D Barons 6 ran

3.10 SOUTH WALES SHOWER SUPPLIES MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,404: 2m 150yd) (8 runners)

1 03/225-4 GRANNY PRAY ON 5 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 9-12-0 J Frost 97
2 0040-10 OUBLIER L'ENNUI 12 (F,G) (R Ralp) D Barons 6-11-13 R Greene 89
3 *1/4F34- NORTHERN JINKS 248 (G) (Mrs E Smith)* R Dickin 8-11-13 S Earle 97
4 0/PPUS- REGANTO 257 (Lt. Col. E Stocker) R Hodges 7-11-12 A Tory ● 99
5 P0P-050 FREE EXPRESSION 12 (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 6-10-13 N Hawke —
6 *P/20012- MRS PEOPLEATER 254 (G,S) (A Chadwick)* C Weedon 8-10-13 Peter Hobbs —
7 0P/0-0 GRANGE EXPRESS 17 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 7-10-13 B Powell —
8 FP-063F CHRISTMAS BASH 12 (G Chambers) R Frost 8-10-13 *J Frost* —

BETTING: 2-1 Mrs Peopleater, 3-1 Oublier L'Ennui, 4-1 Granny Pray On, 6-1 Reganto, 8-1 *Northern Jinks*, 10-1 *Grange Express*, 12-1 others.

1990: SEATON GIRL 6-11-10 J Frost (4-1) R Frost 7 ran

3.40 TRURO NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,816: 2m 150yd) (16 runners)

1 *CHIEF RED EYE (M Channon) M Channon 4-11-3* Mr K Brennan (7) —
2 FEARLESS FRED (D Fisher) Mrs J Retter 4-11-3 M A Fitzgerald (7) —
3 HEAD OR HARP (D Nichols) P Nicholls 5-11-3 *P Hughes (7)* —
4 KIFUE FLATS (Roach Foods Ltd) *D Nicholson* 4-11-3 D Bridgwater —
5 LAVALIGHT (L Phillips) R Hodges 4-11-3 — —
6 LIBERTY JAMES (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 4-11-3 N Hawke —
7 MAORI ICEMAN (M Stoddart) D Barons 4-11-3 Mr R Darke (7) —
8 *MELDON (G Taylor-Webber) T Hallett 4-11-3* L O'Hare (7) —
9 PEARLY FLIGHT (R Eckley) R Eckley 4-11-3 W Marston (7) —
10 SCALLY'S CHOICE (Mrs M Bisgrove) M Pipe 6-11-3 M Foster (5) —
11 SQUIBS HAM (G Stickland) G Stickland 4-11-3 Mr S Stickland —
12 THE PORTSOY LOON (Mrs E Crossman) G Thorner 4-11-3 Mr N Bradley (7) —
13 FIRST DAUGHTER (P Rice) R Hodges 5-10-12 — —
14 JAY JAYS DREAM (Mrs J Scrivens) Mrs J Scrivens 5-10-12 — —
15 *KING'S NELL (N Tsaroulles)* J Old 5-10-12 P Davies (7) —
16 MISS PURBECK (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 4-10-12 J Kavanagh —

BETTING: 3-1 Kifue Flats, 4-1 Maori Iceman, 5-1 Scally's Choice, 6-1 Head Or Harp, 8-1 Chief Red Eye, 10-1 First Daughter, 12-1 Lavalight, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN
1.15 Spring To Glory. 1.45 Mister Gebo. 2.15 Maudlins Cross. 2.45 Angelica Park. 3.15 Majed. 3.45 Firm Price.

THUNDERER
1.15 Phalarope. 1.45 Mister Gebo. 2.15 Maudlins Cross. 2.45 Classic Suite. 3.15 Domain. 3.45 Geostar.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.15 KEGWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£1,723 2m) (14 runners)

1 00- ELITE DESIGN 405 G Brennan 4-11-9 Helen Brennan
2 4 SAVILLE WAY 52 W Musson 4-11-9 S Keightley
3 PUG- *SPRING TO GLORY 8F (B)* R Hodges 4-11-9 G McCourt
4 CASE FOR THE CROWN 348F B Curley 4-11-4 D Murphy
5 30-3 GALATEA PEARL 12 B McMahon 4-11-4 T Wall
6 0 HAPHAFAH 11 Miss L Siddall 4-11-4 D Cooney (7)
7 6F TEA ROSE 11 N Tinkler 4-11-4 M Hill
8 4 *BUD'S BET 19 J McConnochie 3-10-7* J Shortt
9 21 FLIGHTY GUEST 31 (F) Mrs G Reveley 3-10-7 P Niven
10 20 NORTHERN NATION 38 W Clay 3-10-7 J Driscoll (7)
11 2 PAY TO DREAM 26 P Weaver 3-10-7 R Supple
12 30 PHALAROPE 3 M H Easterby 3-10-7 R Fahey
13 F0 SAREEN EXPRESS 99 Miss J Thorne 3-10-7 N Dawe
14 F52 *EVADING 14 (B)* Miss S Wilton 3-10-2 —

7-2 Case For The Crown, 5-1 Flighty Guest, Phalarope, 8-1 Evading, 10-1 Bud's Bet, Northern Nation, Pay To Dream, 12-1 others

1.45 RAINWORTH NOVICES CHASE (£2,195: 2m 6f) (8)

1 0P-P BATTLE'S TOWN BOY 12 *Mrs V Ward* 9-10-12 D Gallagher
2 0/ BUTTONWOOD SOUND 1144 J Pickering 7-10-12 D Dennis (7)
3 6B0- CARBISDALE 267 (S) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-12 P Niven
4 -P53 FRISCO CITY 11 D Nicholson 5-10-12 Mr M Rimell (7)
5 -222 MISTER GEBO 15 (B,BF,F,G) J Edwards 6-10-12 N Williamson
6 OUR JACKIE R Hodges 6-10-12 G McCourt
7 P-3F WORK TO WIN 19 A Jarvis 5-10-12 T Jarvis
8 2P37 RIORDANS WELL 45 W Clay 6-10-7 T Wall

8-11 Mister Gebo, 7-2 Carbisdale, 7-1 Frisco City, 12-1 Our Jackie, 16-1 Work To Win, 25-1 Riordans Well, 33-1 others

2.15 BULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,600. 2m) (4)

1 -560 *ROYAL CRACKER 15 (D,BF,F,G,S)* T Bill 10-11-10 Miss S Baxter (7)
2 3-11 *MAUDLINS CROSS 13 (D,F,G)* Mrs G Reveley 6-11-9 P Niven
3 -U56 AFRICAN SAFARI 11 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-8 R Guest
4 P224 TRAVELLER'S TRIP 15 (S) J Mackie 10-10-0 S J O'Neill

2-9 Maudlins Cross, 7-1 Royal Cracker, 9-1 Traveller's Trip, 12-1 African Safari.

2.45 GEORGE FARNDON LADY RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,900: 2m) (9)

1 /14 FALCON FLIGHT 15 (D,BF,G) J Mackie 5-12-0 Miss S Foster (7)
2 2-13 ANGELICA PARK 24 (BF,F) J Wharton 5-11-11 Gee Armytage
3 /3-R CATHOS 10F (BF) D Wilson 6-11-8 Elaine Bronson
4 0-35 CLASSIC SUITE 14 R Woodhouse 5-11-6 Mrs A Farrell
5 450- SUREFOOT SILLARS 197 O Brennan 4-11-0 Helen Brennan
6 *00-4 AUCTION NEWS 98 D Gandolfo 4-10-2 Mrs P Nash (7)*
7 00-P PARKERS JOY 18 (B) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0 —
8 0-4P OH SO BOLD 59 J Bradley 4-10-0 Judy Davies (7)
9 */P-0 ABHA GUYA 14 (F)* Ronald Thompson 8-10-0 —

5-2 Angelica Park, 11-4 Falcon Flight, 7-2 Surefoot Sillars, 11-2 Cathos, 6-1 Classic Suite, 12-1 Auction News, 20-1 others.

3.15 *MERIT THREE YEAR OLD HURDLE* (£2,856: 2m) (11)

1 DANIEL CHALLENGER J Smith 10-12 I Lawrence
2 1 DOMAIN 26 (D,B) R Weaver 10-12 Dale McKeown
3 6S *KHOJOHN 3 R Woodhouse 10-12* G McCourt
4 F35 LITTLE BLACKFOOT 38F J Harris 10-12 J Harris
5 11 LYPHAR DANCER 50 (F,S) P Haslam 10-12 J Callaghan
6 MAJED 12F N Callaghan 10-12 D Murphy
7 434 PIMS GUNNER 27 D Burchell 10-12 D J Burchell
8 00 SERPHIL 20 Mrs S Smith 10-12 R Guest
9 00 SHOWACA 3 R Marvin 10-12 W Worthington
10 0 SLY PROSPECT 13 (B) K White 10-12 T Wall
11 *JADIDH 118F Miss J Thorne 10-7 N Dawe*

2-1 Domain, 7-2 Lyphar Dancer, 6-1 Khojohn, 8-1 Pims Gunner, 10-1 Little Blackfoot, 12-1 Majed, 16-1 others.

3.45 WOLLATON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,646: 2m 6f) (6)

1 1P4- FIRM PRICE 43F (F,G) Mrs G Reveley 10-12-0 P Niven
2 P-14 GEOSTAR 31 (BF,F,G) J Leigh 7-11-11 G Lyons
3 -43U *HEIGHT OF FUN 14 (F,S) C Popham 7-11-3* —
4 -R83 DIE IN THE SKY 14 (F) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 10-10-0 S J O'Neill
5 1F-U MR BOSTON 14 (F,S) R Woodhouse 6-10-0 G McCourt
6 44P5 ROY PRINCE 32 (F) W Clay 8-10-0 T Wall

11-8 Firm Price, 3-1 Mr Boston, 4-1 Height Of Fun, 7-1 Geostar, 12-1 Die In the Sky, 20-1 Roy Prince

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Callaghan, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%, B Curley, 3 from 8, 37.5%; R Hodges, 5 from 21, 23.8%; D Nicholson, 8 from 35, 22.9%, N Tinkler, 8 from 36, 22.2%, T Bill, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 15 winners from 62 rides, 24.2%; D Murphy, 4 from 25, 16.0%, P Niven, 4 from 26, 15.4%, I Lawrence, 5 from 35, 14.3%; S J O'Neill, 5 from 46, 10.9% (Only qualifiers).

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
12.20 Bold Mood. 12.50 Tempering. 1.20 Stoproveritate. 1.50 Glenstal Priory. 2.20 Golden Torque. 2.50 Kristis Girl. 3.20 Tauber. 3.50 Courtenay Bee.

THUNDERER
12.20 Tales Of Wisdom. 12.50 Intricacy. 1.20 Runnel. 1.50 Glenstal Priory. 2.20 War Beat. 2.50 Cartel. 3.20 Languedoc. 3.50 Spanish Miner.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.20 RIVER IDLE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,346: 7f) (13 runners)

1 00 BALLYRANTER 42 H Collingridge 9-0 V Smith 11
2 BLACKWATER PANTHER C Allen 9-0 W Wharton 2
3 0350 BOLD MOOD 14 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 7
4 MACS BID W O'Gorman 9-0 — 9
5 00 NOBLE VIENNA 18 R Hollinshead 9-0 W Ryan 3
6 OUR MAN IN HAVANA P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 1
7 00 ROGER RABBIT 12 R Boss 9-0 B Raymond 12
8 000 SCARBOROUGH HILL 18 M Tompkins 9-0 C Hodgson (5) 10
9 0400 ANOTHER NUT 31 P Evans 8-9 A Clark 6
10 0500 MEDBOURNE 102 J Harris 8-9 — 8
11 00 SARUK 21 D Elsworth 8-9 J Williams 13
12 00 TALES OF WISDOM 10 M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 5
13 0 WATERSONG 12 D Laing 8-9 T Williams 4

9-4 Our Man In Havana, 7-2 Bold Mood, 5-1 Roger Rabbit, 6-1 Tales Of Wisdom, 8-1 Medbourne, 10-1 Noble Vienna, 12-1 others.

12.50 HUMBER CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,346: 1m 6f) (13)

1 6403 TEMPERING 7 (C,F) D Chapman 5-9-7 S Wood 9
2 0144 *CHRONOLOGICAL 7 (CD,BF)* M Tompkins 5-9-0 C Hodgson (5) 2
3 2613 IRISH NATIVE 7 (B,F) C Smith 3-9-0 — 5
4 00/ DAUNTING PROSPECT 542J M Chapman 7-8-11 S D Williams (7) 6
5 AL BILLAL J Czerpak 3-8-9 N Adams 12
6 00 IHSAAS 7 M Naughton 4-8-9 Dean McKeown 7
7 4881 INTRICACY 7 (C) Lady Herries 3-8-8 N Day 1
8 402- *HOSTESS QUICKLY 33J (G)* M Channon 4-8-7 J Williams 3
9 5355 NOTED STRAIN 18 P Makin 3-8-7 T Sprake 11
10 0242 QUALITAIR BLAZER 7 (C) J Jenkins 4-8-7 T Williams 10
11 080- WOODSTOCK LODGE 406 D Franks 3-8-7 R Fox 8
12 4605 *HELLESPONT 8 C Austin 3-8-6* B Doyle (5) 13
13 3400 BRORA ROSE 22 (B) J Bethell 3-7-13 — 4

7-2 Intricacy, 5-1 Tempering, 6-1 Irish Native, 7-1 Noted Strain, 8-1 *Chronological*, 10-1 Brora Rose, 12-1 *others*.

1.20 TRENT NAVIGATION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,386: 6f) (16)

1 5334 MIGHTY LADY 155 M Channon 9-7 J Williams 16
2 4023 STOPROVERITATE 12 S Norton 9-2 N Carlisle 6
3 0850 BAILEYS BY NAME 11 (D,F) M Johnston 9-1 Dean McKeown 10
4 1460 JIGGERAK 14 (G) S Norton 9-1 O Pears (7) 1
5 0300 PEACE FORMULA 24 R Hollinshead 8-10 W Ryan 4
6 0830 DOESYOUDOES 33 D Thom 8-9 T Williams 14
7 0000 DAILY SPORT AUGUST 7 (CD) M Chapman 8-8 B Doyle (5) 2
8 3600 FLIM FLAM ALY 12 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 Alex Greaves 8
9 0023 CERTAIN LADY 12 (G) G Blum 8-6 C Hawksley (7) 15
10 3605 RUNNEL 7 (B,C,F) D Chapman 8-6 S Wood 3
11 6600 *BEE DEE ELL 14 Miss L Perratt 8-3* J Fanning (3) 5
12 2000 SIZZLING ROSE 42 W Carter 8-2 G Carter 7
13 0000 DESPERATE MAN 52 R Thompson 8-1 R Fox 8
14 000 MERLS PEARL 32 (B) J Glover 8-0 G Bardwell 13
15 000 DUBLIN INDEMNITY 18 (B) N Callaghan 8-0 — 11
16 340 FROINECH 14 T Barron 7-13 Dale Gibson 12

9-2 Stoproveritate, 6-1 Baileys By Name, 7-1 Jiggerak, 8-1 Dublin Indemnity, Certain Lady, 10-1 Mighty Lady, 12-1 others.

1.50 HUMBER CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,325: 1m 6f) (12)

1 0050 DANDOON 172 J Czerpak 4-9-7 D Middleton (7) 11
2 61-0 SWAGMAN 7 (C) C Beever 4-9-0 T Williams 8
3 0000 GIN AND ORANGE 7 (V,S) J Jenkins 5-8-12 — 6
4 4000 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 155 (V) M Naughton 4-8-10 Dean McKeown 9
5 0085 SULUK 7 (C,F) R Hollinshead 5-8-10 W Ryan 2
6 FIT FOR LIFE (B) *Mrs L Stubbs* 3-8-7 *M Birch* 4
7 0530 ALLEZ-OOPS 11J (F) A Smith 4-8-5 S Webster 3
8 3360 GREY COMMANDER 12 (G) M Brittain 3-8-5 S Maloney (5) 10
9 2005 GLENSTAL PRIORY 12 (F) P Cole 4-8-4 T Quinn 12
10 0000 *SHARP ISSUE 7 M Chapman 3-8-2* D Biggs (5) 7
11 0034 BLAZING PEARL 5J (F) J Harris 3-7-12 G Bardwell 1
12 4000 AUGHTON RIDGE 11J M Chapman 3-7-10 *J Fanning (3)* 5

3-1 *Glenstal Priory*, 9-2 *Suluk*, 5-1 *Swagman*, 6-1 Allez-Oops, 7-1 Grey Commander, 8-1 Blazing Pearl, 12-1 others

2.20 *EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY* HANDICAP (£2,569: 1m 4f) (18)

1 2110 GOLDEN TORQUE 10 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 4-10-0 H Bastiman (7) 8
2 2540 WESTERN DYNASTY 10 (D,F,G) M Ryan 5-9-10 D Biggs (5) 1
3 3015 *BESCABY BOY 7 (F,G,S) J Wharton* 5-9-7 J Williams 4
4 0200 MAGIC SECRET 28 (S) P Haslam 3-9-5 J Fanning (3) 7
5 0500 DUGGAN 8 (D,F,G) R Williams 4-9-2 N Day 12
6 0220 SMARTIE LEE 20J (D,F) P Cole 4-9-2 T Quinn 16
7 4235 SINGING REPLY 31 J Gosden 3-9-2 W Ryan 14
8 5603 *BRECKENBROUGH LAD 10 (S) T Barron 4-9-1* Alex Greaves 10
9 5334 CARLINGFORD 12 (D,F) H Whiting 5-9-0 S Webster 17
10 1630 WAR BEAT 35 (D) P Bevan 3-8-10 Dean McKeown 13
11 0460 TANODA 14 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 5-8-8 S Maloney (5) 11
12 4023 *BEDOUIN PRINCE 115 (CD,BF) C Beever 4-8-6* T Williams 18
13 -040 SUNFLOWER SEED 14 P Makin 4-8-4 W Newnes 5
14 0550 IN TRUTH 50 (D,F,S) D Chapman 3-8-3 S Wood 15
15 200- KING TREVISIO 393 J Harris 5-8-1 — 6
16 -530 LORD ADVOCATE 139 M Naughton 3-8-0 Dale Gibson 9
17 0005 BUZZARDS CREST 52 (S) Bob Jones 6-7-13 *G Bardwell* 2
18 4000 BAIRN FREE 22 D Arbuthnot 3-7-11 — 3

6-1 Golden Torque, 7-1 Smartie Lee, 8-1 Bedouin Prince, *Carlingford*, 9-1 Singing Reply, *Breckenborough Lad*, 10-1 *Western* Dynasty, 12-1 others

2.50 NATIONAL PLANT & TRANSPORT HANDICAP (£2,508: 7f) (16)

1 1332 AFRICAN CHIMES 5 (CD,F) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 Emma O'Gorman (5) 14
2 0023 WELLSY LAD 7 (CD,S) D Chapman 4-9-10 S Wood 12
3 *0000 SWINGAWAY LADY 41 (F,S) G Richards 3-9-9* M Birch 1
4 32-4 JUMBY BAY 11J (F) M Johnston 5-9-8 R P Elliott 6
5 0143 INSEYAB 71 (D,F,G) P Haslam 3-8-7 J Fanning (3) 2
6 3051 KRISTIS GIRL 7 (C,S) D Haydn Jones 4-9-6 (5ex) T Williams 5
7 0100 CARTEL 7 *(F)* J Harris 4-8-5 B Raymond 4
8 1160 STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 7 (B,C,D,BF,F,S) C Beever 3-9-5 *J Weaver (7) 3*
9 0450 PRECIOUS AIR 83 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 3-9-2 B Crossley 7
10 0400 WSOM 31 *(V,D,F)* M O'Neill 3-9-0 G Carter 13
11 0000 KINLACEY 11 (D,F) B McMahon 4-8-13 W Ryan 10
12 4092 *BILL MOON 28 (D,F) P Felgate 5-8-10* S Davies (7) 6
13 0000 SILLY'S BROTHER 12 (CD) N Bycroft 5-8-10 S Webster 16
14 *0000 SILKS PRINCESS 8 (C,F,G,S) M Ryan 5-8-10* J McLaughlin 11
15 3003 COUNT ME OUT 12 (D,F) J Pearce 6-8-9 T Quinn 9
16 4505 SUPER HEIGHTS 7 (F) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-9 Dale Gibson 15

6-1 African Chimes, 7-1 Inseyab, Count Me Out, 8-1 Kristis Girl, 9-1 Bill Moon, Wellsy Lad, 10-1 Wsom, 12-1 others.

3.20 MERSEY CANAL HANDICAP (£2,407: 6f) (16)

1 0000 WHIPPET 10 (D,F,G,S) C Austin 7-10-0 B Doyle (5) 15
2 0604 SNO SERENADE 138 (D,F,G) M Dods 5-9-11 G Baxter 4
3 0005 DOMICKSKY 5 (F,G,S) M Ryan 3-9-8 M Tebbutt 1
4 0000 *PESIDANAMICH 31 (C,D,S) T Barron 3-9-7* V Halliday (7) 8
5 0010 BREEZY DAY 10 (D,G,S) B McMahon 5-9-6 T Quinn 5
6 *0001 TAUBER 12 (D,F,G,S)* Pat Mitchell 7-9-4 S O'Gorman (3) 3
7 5030 RANCHO MIRAGE 60 (G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-3 *Dean McKeown 9*
8 5060 PLAIN FACT 38 (D,F,G,S) M Prescott 6-9-1 G Duffield 14
9 0063 EUROBLAKE 7 (C,F) T Barron 4-9-0 Alex Greaves 7
10 *0301 LANGUEDOC 12 (C,S)* H Whiting 4-8-13 S Webster 13
11 0610 BROWN FAIRY 11 (F,G) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-13 *D Biggs (5) 11*
12 5505 SALLY'S SON 7 (D,F) W O'Gorman 5-8-11 Emma O'Gorman (5) 12
13 *1100 PRETONIC 10 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-10* R P Elliott 10
14 5480 LYNDON'S LINNET 22 (F) K Burke 3-8-6 A Mackay 16
15 0622 CRONK'S COURAGE 7 (V,D,F,S) E Alston 5-8-1 B Crossley 2
16 1250 ARC LAMP 10 (G) J Glover 5-7-11 Dale Gibson 6

9-2 Tauber, 6-1 Plain Fact, 7-1 Euroblake, *8-1* Breezy Day, 9-1 Languedoc, 10-1 Brown Fairy, 12-1 Domicksky, 14-1 others.

3.50 RIVER IDLE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,346: 7f) (12)

1 *0 BIG EASY 12 Mrs J Cecil 9-0* B Crossley 12
2 083 COURTENAY BEE 22 W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt 6
3 0000 *DOT'S JESTER 124 E Alston 9-0 Dean McKeown 9*
4 00 RED SPRINGS 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 M Hunt (7) 5
5 02 SPANISH MINER 28 (BF) A Scott 9-0 B Raymond 7
6 5002 AEGEAN LADY 7 J Etherington 8-9 J Weaver (7) 1
7 0000 BLUSHING OPAL 21 B Ellison 8-9 G Baxter 10
8 *00 HONEY DAY 60 S Bowring 8-9* S Webster 3
9 JADE GREEN P Makin 8-9 T Sprake 2
10 NOTHING COMPARES J Hills 8-9 M Hills 11
11 00 PIE HATCH 12 M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 4
12 6 SANTANA LADY 10 M Heaton-Ellis 8-9 G Carter 8

7-2 Spanish Miner, 4-1 Courtenay Bee, 6-1 *Santana Lady*, 7-1 Aegean Lady, 8-1 Big Easy, 10-1 Nothing Compares, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 7 winners from 18 runners, 38.9%; J Gosden, 7 from 22, 31.8%, T Barron, 40 from 137, 29.2%; W O'Gorman, 18 from 68, 26.5%, P Makin, 6 from 24, 25.0%, P Cole, 5 *from* 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 44 winners from 134 rides, 32.8%, T Sprake, 5 from 22, 22.7%, M Tebbutt, 6 from 30, 20.0%. Emma O'Gorman, 14 from 75, 18.7%; G Carter, 26 from 156, 16.7%; G Duffield, 28 from 182, 14.3%.

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Pantomime Prince's long haul rewarded

THE pantomime season came early for Yorkshire trainer Chris Thornton and his long serving jockey David Wilkinson at Windsor yesterday.

Pantomime Prince, back to the fray after a serious leg injury had put him out of action last season, was the star of the show as he provided the duo with their first wins at the Thamesside track.

The gelding was making amends for a surprise lapse on his only previous Windsor venture two years ago. He was pulling clear and all set for a sixth successive victory when toppling over two fences from home.

"It's good to put the record straight back here after all this time," Wilkinson said. "Pantomime Prince has not got the best of legs these days, but the spirit is still there," added Wilkinson.

Leading four fences out in the Russell Handicap Chase, the 7-4 favourite fought off repeated challenges before pulling away again after the last to win by four lengths.

Derrick Morris reported that Rich Remorse blew up five fences from home in the Salt Hill Handicap Chase but the 12-year-old's courage carried him to a head win over Iama Zulu.

Winning trainer Roger Curtis will keep Rich Remorse to the minor tracks but may run his Welsh National hope Mister Ed at Sandown next week.

Front Page, the 5-2 favourite, landed some hefty wagers when sprinting away from the second last flight for an eight-length win in the White Hart Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle. John Akehurst is anxious to find another similar prize before the handicapper gets an opportunity to reassess Front Page.

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Song stays the same as a rebel changes track

Bedford: keen to succeed

Dave Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record holder, is one of life's front-runners. **David Powell** finds him at the head of the field again, attempting to bridge the gap between athletes and officials

A key man at the helm of the first meeting of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) track and field commission on Saturday afternoon was, by evening, restored as the figure the public remembers. Dave Bedford works with the establishment but is not Establishment Man.

Anyone for karaoke? Bedford strides forward in black hat and dark glasses, his Blues Brothers kit revealing the rebel that still burns within. He gives his Park Lane Hotel audience, including senior British athletics officials, an untrained version of "I Got You Babe."

Bedford wears more hats than the Blues Brothers: honorary secretary of the BAF, the new governing body of British athletics, consultant to the ADT London Marathon, member of the UK drugs advisory group, president of the International Athletes' Club, chairman of Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers, Middlesex cross country team manager. He always did keep a busy diary: 200 miles a week logged during his 10,000 metres world record era.

"I was asked if I would get up and do the karaoke and my first thought was: 'I am honorary secretary of the BAF and I cannot do this'," Bedford said. "Then I hear a voice in the back of my head saying: 'If you don't, you've started the turn of becoming a proper athletics official, worried about what other people think'."

To understand that, you must know that Bedford was a Best, a Higgins, a McEnroe: a spike mark in the groin of officialdom. Tolerated, though, because he was so wonderfully talented. He could send air rifle pellets whistling past team colleagues on the eve of the Olympics, lend his amateur name to advertise a national newspaper on London buses, openly criticise the choice of Princess Anne as BBC sports personality of the year, and get away with it all.

Ah, the Bedford days. Of red socks and black curls, of records made by front-running and crowds locked out at Crystal Palace. Of *Sun* back-page leads which had a mere athlete telling readers to "stop whatever you are doing at 5.15pm, gather the family around the TV set, and watch me win the 10,000 metres gold medal for Britain". Of the tears of a supporter who idolised him when he finished sixth.

The supporter stayed faithful to the Bedford gospel. Twenty pints a week passed the hero's lips, *The Dave Bedford Story* disclosed, so the teetotal Harrier took up beer. Now we meet, and lunchtime is at the dining table, not how Bedford used to spend them: on the second of his three daily runs.

He sits on the BAF because, he says, someone has to bridge the age gap between athletes and officials. "One of the faults of previous administrations is that they have not encouraged younger people to get involved. I am 41 and one of the youngest. It horrifies me to think where the next generation is coming from."

Last week, the BAF appointed its first chief executive, aged 59. Bedford did not apply: "I would run a million miles away from a proper paid job in athletics," he said. Instead he puts in a 40-hour voluntary week. The track and field commission, of which he is secretary, will bring him well into overtime.

"The constitution says that it will run British track and field athletics. The danger, since we have never had one before, is that we create a complicated structure of committees.

"The way I see it is with small, sharp sub-committees which get on and do things." Like Bedford always did. He was the Luther Blissett of his day, spectacular goals, spectacular misses, but never afraid to shoot. Never one to hide behind the Zapata moustache. In 1971 the young upstart told the press that, "given good weather and timekeepers who pull their fingers out", he would break the 5,000 metres world record at Crystal Palace. "It got plastered all over the back pages and 5,000 were turned away." They were the lucky ones. Bedford dropped out, injured.

But the good days dwarfed the bad. His world record at Crystal Palace ten months after his Olympic flop, a world cross country title, European records and every British track record from 2,000 to 10,000 metres, including the steeplechase.

And the feat that stunned the *cognoscenti*: a winter's afternoon at Parliament Hill Fields, winning the southern senior nine-miles cross country then, 20 minutes later, lining up for the junior six miles and taking that, too.

It all began on the Isle of Wight. Aged 14, on holiday with his parents, he ran the perimeter with a pound note pinned to his vest in case he needed the bus, because "it seemed an obvious thing to do with an island". His great days were ended by injury in 1974, though he made a fleeting return to captain Britain at the 1978 world cross-country championships. Bedford was back, and four of the team ended up in prison after an argument in a bar. "Not our fault," he said.

He tackles each argument as though the Olympic gold medal he never won depended on it. He likes to be proven right. He enjoys telling the story of the father of a present-day international who came to apologise for a mistake 22 years ago. He had been a lecturer at Brighton College where Bedford was a pupil and "was one of the people responsible for me being kicked out". The mistake? He had failed Bedford on his practical athletics.

GOLF

Ballesteros back into swing with cavalier approach

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros returned to his swashbuckling ways to revive his golf in 1991, when he won four times, including the World Match Play Championship, and finished No. 1 in the Volvo order of merit.

That becomes evident on studying the Philips Electronics performance statistics for the PGA European Tour this year. They indicate that Ballesteros rekindled his cavalier spirit to resurrect the game straitjacketed in 1990 by an almost robotic outlook.

For Ballesteros returned to spraying the ball off the tee with such abandon that, according to the statistics, he was hitting his approach shots from off the fairway 41.7 per cent of the time. In spite of that, he had victories in the Volvo PGA championship and the Dunhill Masters.

Ballesteros, however, responded to the challenge of wading into calf-high rough or club-turning heather by retrieving the situation with a repertoire of recovery shots assembled over 15 years of imaginative golf.

That the Spaniard was eleventh in the category for greens hit in regulation illustrates his outstanding ability to find the target. He also holed out at the rate of 29.8 putts per round, uncommonly high for a player who, on 72.4 per cent of occasions, found the green in regulation. Peter McEvoy, the new England amateur captain, whose company, Sporting Concepts, organised the statistics, said: "You will see many fine players high in the category for fairway hits, but in my view it breeds a mechanical approach and not the spontaneity on which Seve's game thrives.

"Seve's accuracy off the tee is less than perfect but it is balanced by long hitting, great recovery skills and a great touch. I would argue that Seve, although he is not No. 1 in any category, has the best short game in Europe today."

McEvoy acknowledges that in some cases the statistics could be misleading, especially when one realises that Steven Richardson and Colin Montgomerie, the two outstanding British players in 1991, both finished outside the top 45 in all but one category. Indeed, Richardson's highest finish was twelfth in the driving distance category, and Montgomerie's was fifteenth in greens hit in regulation.

McEvoy said: "It could be that the statistics are misleading, but in Steve's case we measured 66 of his drives and it would seem he is no John Daly despite his reputation.

"That said, you could argue that both Colin and Steve have proved themselves to be good, steady golfers, capable of doing everything well. The question is: do good steady golfers set the world on fire?

"You can pick out the golfers who play the game as if they are painting by numbers. You can afford a weakness, although it would be better that the weakness is not putting. But I think the clue is that, like Seve, you have to be exceptional in certain departments to be a world-beater."

Ian Woosnam fell short of the number of rounds required (16) to be included in the statistics though, like Ballesteros, he was low in the driving accuracy category (105th). But his average drive of 279.5 yards would have led the field.

EUROPEAN TOUR STATISTICS

TOP 25 in each category, plus those in the top 20 of the Volvo order of merit (GB and Ire unless stated)

Fairways hit: 1, G Cali (It), 86.1 per cent; 2, J Bland (SA), 83.5; 3, J Bennett, 80.6; 4, G Ralph, 80.5; 5, V Fernández (Arg), 79.7; 6, P Carrigill, 77.4; 7, D Durnian, 76.6; 8, J-M Cañizares (Sp), 75.4; 9, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 75.1; 10, A Johnstone (Zim), 75.0; 11, M-A Jimenez (Sp), 74.5; 12, S McAllister, 74.2; 13, S Bowman (US), 74.1; 14, D A Russell, 73.7; 15, J Rivero (Sp), 73.2; equal 16, D Gilford and A Sorensen (Den), 72.5; equal 18, J Hawkes (SA) and V Singh (Fiji), 72.3; 20, D Smyth, 71.9; 21, S Torrance, 71.8; 22, N Faldo, 71.1; 23, P Walton, 70.5; 24, W Grant, 69.9; 25, P Price, 69.8. Others: equal 36, M McNulty (Zim), 67.6; 38, C Parry (Aus), 67.1; equal 39, D Feherty and M McLean, 67.0; equal 55, E Romero (Arg), 64.9; 58, E Darcy, 64.8; 70, B Langer (Ger), 63.0; 84, P Broadhurst, 60.1; equal 85, R Davis (Aus), 59.9; 88, C Montgomerie, 59.3; 94, S Ballesteros (Sp), 58.3; 103, S Richardson, 55.8.

Greens in regulation: 1, J Bland (SA), 78.4 per cent; 2, V Fernández (Arg), 77.5; 3, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 75.8; 4, G Cali (It), 75.3; 5, N Faldo, 74.1; 6, S Torrance, 73.6; 7, B Ogle (Aus), 73.5; 8, J Rivero (Sp), 73.4; 9, M Roe, 73.3; 10, J Hawkes (SA), 72.5; equal 11, S Ballesteros (Sp) and C Parry (Aus), 72.4; 13, J-M Cañizares (Sp), 71.7; 14, C O'Connor Jr, 71.5; 15, C Montgomerie, 71.3; equal 16, J Parnevik (Swe) and S McAllister, 71.2; 18, M McNulty (Zim), 71.0; 19, M-A Martin (Sp), 70.7; equal 20, G Brand Jr and P O'Malley (Aus), 70.6; 23, V Singh (Fiji), 70.3; 23, K Waters, 70.1; equal 24, S Luna (Sp) and B Lane, 69.2. Others: equal 26, M Harwood (Aus), 69.1; equal 37, D Gilford, 68.3; equal 46, R Davis (Aus) and S Richardson, 67.5; 64, M McLean, 65.9; equal 71, E Darcy, 65.3; equal 74, A Johnstone (Zim), 65.0; equal 78, D Feherty, 64.7; equal 81, B Langer (Ger), 64.4; 94, P Broadhurst, 63.1

Driving distance: 1, P Teravainen (US), 278.4 yards; 2, E Romero (Arg), 277.8; 3, S Luna (Sp), 277.4; 4, V Singh (Fiji), 276.2; 5, S Ballesteros (Sp), 275.4; 6, J Rystrom (Swe), 275.3; equal 7, B Marchbank and A Binaghi (It), 274.5; equal 9, M Lanner (Swe) and P-U Johansson (Swe), 274.4; 11, J Parnevik (Swe), 272.1; 12, S Richardson, 271.7; 13, G Turner, 271.5; 14, J Haeggman (Swe), 271.3; 15, P Way, 270.7; 16, R Claydon, 270.5; equal 17, H Clark and J Rutledge (Can), 269.4; 19, P Walton, 268.5; 20, V Fernández (Arg), 267.7; 21, P Broadhurst, 267.6; 22, M Farry (Fr), 267.5; 23, B Lane, 267.3; 24, J Hobday, 267.2. Others: 27, E Darcy, 266.8; 29, D Feherty, 266.6; 31, R Davis (Aus), 265.4; 37, S Torrance, 264.5; 41, D Gilford, 263.6; 51, C Parry (Aus), 260.1; equal 52, A Johnstone (Zim), 259.8; 61, M McLean, 257.6

Putts per round: 1, D Feherty, 28.5; 2, R Davis (Aus), 28.8; 3, P Curry, 28.9; equal 4, G J Turner (NZ) and J van de Velde (Fr), 29.1; equal 6, E O'Connell and J Rystrom (Swe), 29.2; 8, C Parry (Aus), 29.3; equal 9, M Harwood (Aus), P Baker and R Karlsson (Swe), 29.4; equal 12, P Way, P Fowler (Aus), P Broadhurst and M-A Jiménez (Sp), 29.5; equal 16, M Lanner (Swe) and B Ogle (Aus), 29.6; equal 18, B Langer (Ger), R Rafferty, O Sellberg (Swe), J Bennett, P-U Johansson (Swe) and P Price, 29.7; equal 24, S Ballesteros (Sp), A Johnstone (Zim), A Lyle and D Smyth, 29.8. Others: equal 29, M McLean, 30.0; equal 33, V Singh (Fiji), 30.1; equal 35, E Darcy, 30.2; 55, S Richardson, 30.5; equal 62, C Montgomerie, 30.7; equal 65, E Romero (Arg) and S Torrance, 30.8

Sand saves: 1, R McFarlane, 85 per cent; 2, J Bennett, 78.3; 3, C Williams, 70.0; equal 4, S Ballesteros (Sp), P Fowler (Aus) and J van de Velde (Fr), 66.7; 7, A Johnstone (Zim), 65.5; 8, G Ralph, 64.4; 9, D J Russell, 62.3; 10, J Townsend (US), 61.9; 11, J Rystrom (Swe), 61.3; 12, C Parry (Aus), 60.5; 13, P Teravainen (US), 60.0; 14, D Feherty, 59.2; 15, M Davis, 58.6; 16, V Fernández (Arg), 58.6; 17, B Langer (Ger) and M Mackenzie, 58.3; 19, S McAllister, 57.7; 20, M McNulty (Zim), 57.6; 21, J Rutledge (Can), 57.1; 22, S Luna (Sp), 23, S Torrance, 55.9; 24, K Waters, 55.4; 25, M Piñero (Sp), 55.3. Others: 26, P Broadhurst, 55.2; equal 28, M Harwood (Aus), 54.5; 34, V Singh (Fiji), 52.6; equal 35, D Gilford, 51.5; 46, R Davis (Aus), 48.6; 56, C Montgomerie, 46.4; equal 57, M McLean, 45.9; equal 66, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 42.9; 75, S Richardson, 38.9; equal 85, E Romero (Arg), 33.3

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Redskins reach play-offs

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE mighty Washington Redskins became the first team to secure a play-off position by beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 41-14 on Sunday for their eleventh consecutive win in the National Football League.

Mark Rypien led the Redskins by completing 21 of 28 passes for 325 yards and two touchdowns. He has passed for 767 yards in his last two games. Washington, the first team to go 11-0 in six years, have outscored their opponents by 222 points.

With five games to play, the **Denver Broncos** lead the American Football Conference (AFC) West after a 24-20 win over the **Kansas City Chiefs**. John Elway appeared to step beyond the line of scrimmage when he threw a 29-yard scoring toss to Mark Jackson but the play stood.

Kansas City sacked Elway six times but Denver, bottom of the division last year, intercepted Steve DeBerg four times, including Charles Dimry's 26-yard return for a touchdown. Denver are favoured to win the division because of their easy remaining fixtures. Marty Schottenheimer has faced Denver nine times as coach of Cleveland and now Kansas City, losing eight of the games — two in the AFC final.

Jay Schroeder fired three touchdown passes before half-time to lead the **Los Angeles Raiders** to a 31-7 victory over the **Seattle Seahawks**. The lowly **San Diego Chargers** handed the **New Orleans Saints** their second defeat, 24-21, when John Carney kicked a 19-yard field goal with five seconds to play. The Saints lost the lead three times.

The **New York Giants** relied on a strong running game, three field goals from Matt Bahr and two fumble recoveries by Lawrence Taylor to beat the **Dallas Cowboys** 22-9.

Jim Harbaugh threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another to lead the **Chicago Bears** to a 31-17 win over the **Indianapolis Colts**. **The Philadelphia Eagles** recorded six sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery in a 17-10 win over the Cincinnati Bengals. The victory was Philadelphia's fourth in a row.

Keith Henderson and Tom Rathman ran for short touchdowns as the **San Francisco 49ers** beat the **Phoenix Cardinals** 14-10. Stan Gelbaugh, who led the London Monarchs to the World League of American Football championship last summer, started for the Cardinals and completed a 26-yard scoring toss to Ernie Jones with six minutes to play. Gelbaugh was 14 of 26 for 156 yards.

FIXTURES: Week 13: Sunday: Buffalo at New England; Dallas at Washington; Denver at Seattle; Detroit at Minnesota; Houston at Pittsburgh; Green Bay v Indianapolis (at Milwaukee); Kansas City at Cleveland; LA Raiders at Cincinnati; Miami at Chicago; NY Giants at Tampa Bay; Philadelphia at Phoenix; San Diego at NY Jets; Atlanta at New Orleans. Monday: San Francisco at LA Rams

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IAN STEWART

Climbing high: Aitken, the Scottish lock, rises above the rest at Iffley Road

Oxford require imagination

Oxford University 13
Scottish Students 19

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD University's winning runs this term have come in threes, so they were due to lose at Iffley Road yesterday. However, they did not anticipate defeat in such a dispiriting manner against the Scottish Students, who were playing their first fixture of the season but offered a *joie de vivre* more appropriate to a side that had spent the last month training together.

As it happens, John Rutherford, the former Scotland stand-off half who, with David Bell, is their coach, had had them together for scarcely more than a couple of training runs. Oxford, with fixtures only against Bath and Bristol University before they meet Cambridge, will not be happy at the way they squandered so much possession to lose by two goals, a try and a penalty goal to a goal, a try and a penalty.

Home domination of the lineout was absolute and Oxford could rely on their heavier forwards at the mauls, though not the scrums, where the Scots twice stole heels against the head. Behind the scrum, Oxford were predictable and kicked indifferently, while their visitors played with snap and vigour, prompted by Nicol, who toured North America with the Scottish side last May, and the lively Townsend.

Above all the Scots sought to keep the ball in hand, and when they kicked they tended to keep it short so that they could reclaim possession — as Townsend did twice to significant effect. Oxford may regard it as even more depressing that this was by no means the best student XV Scotland can field and that, with next July's student world cup in mind, some half-dozen alternatives will be tried.

Their opening thrust was a delight, Ericson beginning and ending a 50-metre move with help from Townsend and Kennard.

However Oxford, mauling forward metres at a time, recovered the advantage through Tapper's penalty and good work by Lumsden, who established the maul from which du Toit went to the short side and Barclay found nobody in his way as he sprinted to the line.

Oxford's 9-4 interval lead lasted a matter of minutes. Nicol dummied away from a scrum and baffled the cover as he cruised in from 45 metres If the Scots had not been forced to spend so much time attacking from long range they would surely have scored more than Jardine's try, which took them seven points clear.

If Oxford, for their part, had used their possession better they would have managed more than Luke Jones's try, the flanker being forced over from a maul after Milward's lineout win. But there was a sad lack of coherence to their forward play and, though they chose to run more ball than they did against Wasps last week, there seems a remarkable absence of ploys which might harness Lumsden's speed and strength.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Tries: Barclay, L Jones. Conversion: Tapper. Penalty goal: Tapper. Scottish Students: Tries: Ericson, Nicol, Jardine. Conversions: Changleng (2). Penalty goal: Changleng.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: A Lumsden (Alfred Sutton, Reading and St Cross); C Henderson (Sherborne and St Catherine's), R Jones (Chepstow and Keble), K Street (King Henry VII, Coventry and Christ Church), *S Barclay (Olchfa CS, Swansea and St Catherine's); A Tapper (Abingdon and Exeter), F du Toit (Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch and Christ Church); S Whiteside (Bridlington and Queen's), M Patton (Campbell College, Belfast and St Catherine's), *A Everett (Michaelhouse, Natal and University), R Peak (Blackwood and Keble), D Evans (Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen and St Anne's), P Thresher (Judd and Worcester), L Jones (RGS Guildford and St Edmund Hall), A Milward (Purley HS and Templeton).
SCOTTISH STUDENTS: D Changleng (Moray House College); N White (Aberdeen University), I Jardine (Jordanhill), R Ericson (London Polytechnic), R Adam (Edinburgh University); G Townsend (Edinburgh University), A Nicol (Dundee Institute); G Kennard (Edinburgh University), D Henderson (St Andrew's University; rep: D Timms, Moray House College), G McKee (Strathclyde University), C Brown (Stirling University), S Campbell (Dundee Institute), A Aitken (Napier Polytechnic), S Lancaster (Leeds Polytechnic), D Jackson (Napier Polytechnic).
Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).
* a blue

Egan will stand out in Japanese competition

Egan: will be missed

THE quality of Mark Egan's performance for London Irish in their opening league match of the season, against Bath, was an indication of how much the Exiles — and possibly Ireland — will miss him when he goes to work in Japan in January (David Hands writes).

Despite his red hair, Egan is not a player who automatically stands out amid the burly-burly, but his workrate is outstanding. His *tour de force* thus far, perhaps, was as Oxford's captain in last year's University match, but it would have been interesting to see whether a season in England's first division would have persuaded Ireland's selectors that he was worth at least a B cap and possibly a place in the full national squad that will tour New Zealand next summer.

As it is, Egan, aged 25 and recently married, has put his career first by accepting a place in the management department of Kobe Steel for 18 months. Kobe Steel are also one of Japan's leading club sides, but their qualification period is even stricter than England's: Egan must serve a nine-month residential period before playing in the Japanese club championship.

His playing pedigree, as an Ireland's under-21, under-25 and student representative player, suggests that progress to higher honours are not beyond him as either a No. 8 or perhaps blind-side flanker in the Alan Whetton mould.

Certainly, the Irish made good use of his timing of the jump at the lineout against Bath. At 6ft 5in and 16st 8lb, he will stand out in Japan.

☐ The Rugby Football Union has delayed the announcement of its development squad for a month. The selectors want more time to look at potential England B players.

EQUESTRIANISM

Olympia invites a South African

By JENNY MACARTHUR

ORGANISERS of the Olympia international show-jumping championships have invited a South African rider, Gail Foxcroft, to compete at the five-day show, which begins on December 18.

Raymond Brooks-Ward, the show director, said yesterday: "We were asked by the IOC [International Olympic Committee] and BOA [British Olympic Association] if we could help the South Africans. We are delighted to be the first British show to welcome back South African competitors."

Foxcroft, a chemist, from Bryanston, won the South African national eventing championships in 1981, the Dunhill Derby in 1987 and the Pretoria grand prix in 1988. She may compete in Paris the week before the Olympia event, which is sponsored by Modern Alarms, Grosse & Blackwell, Everest, and Volvo.

The show, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year, is offering increased prize-money of £160,000.

John Whitaker, who will ride Henderson Milton, is among the 19 British riders competing. It will be Milton's first show since he overreached and cut into an artery at the Modena show in Italy in September.

Five riders, Johnny Harris, Emma-Jane Brown, Tim Stockdale, Rowland Fernyhough and Tracy Rampton, qualified at Arena UK in October for the last five places at Olympia. Rampton is ranked No. 113 on the national rider list.

Among the 24 foreign riders competing is Jos Lansink, from The Netherlands, who has recovered from the broken leg he sustained in September. Lansink, the leading international money winner, will be one of the favourites for the Volvo world cup qualifying round on December 21.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan on track to progress

By KEITH MACKLIN

DESPITE their recent lapses, Wigan are on course for another trophy final. Fate intervened on their behalf in the draw for the second round of the Regal Trophy by giving them a home tie against Keighley, of the third division, next Sunday.

Having disposed of the challenge of Swinton on Sunday, Wigan look to have got their losing run out of their system, and Keighley are unlikely to provide more than a token challenge.

Less fortunate are St Helens, who travel to Oldham, the second divison side who have the capacity to raise their game. However, St Helens are justifying their leadership of the first division with excellent open play, and they should go through.

Castleford are another who appear to have an easy passage into the quarter-finals, at home to Doncaster, while Widnes should also progress past Carlisle.

SECOND ROUND DRAW: Carlisle v Widnes; Oldham v St Helens; Wigan v Keighley Cougars; Bramley or Featherstone v Halifax; Hull or Batley v Leeds; Castleford v Doncaster; Wakefield Trinity v Salford; Bradford Northern v Sheffield Eagles. *(ties to be played this weekend)*

Controversial forward leaves Scotland to join his sixth club in eight years

Kendall is happy to take £1.5m gamble

By Ian Ross

HOWARD Kendall yesterday took one of the audacious gambles that has characterised his career as manager of Everton when he paid £1.5 million for Maurice Johnston, the Rangers and Scotland forward.

Johnston, aged 28, fits into the bracket of footballing nomad. Everton will be his sixth club in eight years, a statistic that underlines his desirability yet one that also emphasises his unpredictability.

Kendall convinced Johnston that his immediate future lay on Merseyside on Sunday evening, 24 hours after Rangers had accepted an official bid that Chelsea — the other leading contender for the player's signature — were unable to match.

Johnston, who has won 38 full international caps for his country, has constantly flirted with controversy during the course of a chequered career, but Kendall felt inclined to discuss the more positive virtues of his latest recruit.

"In a way, I am delighted he has got a reputation because it means he is a bubbly character. That is what I like in a player," Kendall said. "I'm not going to talk about what has gone before; that is now in the past. I'm just delighted to have signed him and I'm sure he has an excellent future at this club.

"If you look at his goals per game record, it is outstanding," Kendall said. "The contribution he makes to his team is also considerable and, at 28, I believe he should be at his peak."

Kendall admitted that he had first attempted to sign Johnston during his first spell in charge at Goodison Park in 1983. "I have long admired him. At the time, I offered £50,000 but Watford then came in with £200,000," he said.

Johnston said that his decision to leave Rangers — two-and-a-half years after he became the first Catholic of modern times to join the club — was taken with some regret but no acrimony.

"I had a great time at Rangers and there is no animosity at all between myself and the club," he said. "As one door closes, another opens.

"Howard Kendall did a truly magnificent job in selling Everton to me. Other clubs were interested but, once I had spoken to him, it was one-way traffic.

"The city of Liverpool is very much like Glasgow in so much as the people know their football and love their football."

The signing of Johnston will spark fresh speculation about the future of Tony Cottee, the former England international forward, who may once again find himself surplus to requirements.

"I don't particularly want to go into that subject but it doesn't take someone with GCEs to realise that I'm not going to drop Peter Beardsley," Kendall said. "I'm not saying that this is the end of my spending because we are always looking to improve things."

Mint condition: Kendall, left, welcomes Johnston, his new signing, to Everton

Barnet reunited against their most bitter rivals

By Walter Gammie

A NORTH London football rivalry every bit as intense as that between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur was fanned to life when the draw was made for the second round of the FA Cup yesterday. Enfield's reward for beating Aldershot is to play Barnet at Southbury Road on December 7.

Barnet's star has been in the ascendant in recent years as they left the GM Vauxhall Conference for the fourth division while Enfield dropped the other way, into the Diadora League. It was not always so. Enfield were the last side to win the Conference before automatic promotion and relegation to the Football League began in 1986-7 and won the FA Trophy in 1988.

Enfield's reconstruction, started last season by Peter Taylor, has been successfully continued by Graham Pearce, their player-manager whom Barry Fry, the Barnet manager, knows well.

Firm as is the respect between the two clubs, the supporters thrive on the old enmity. Pages of their respective fanzines are devoted to inventive abuse, no conversation about football for an Enfield supporter is complete without reference to Barnet and vice versa.

No such tradition exists between last Saturday's other two Cup giant-killers, Hayes, of the Diadora League, and Crawley, of the Beazer Homes League, who were drawn against each other at Hayes.

Woking grabbed the headlines by beating West Bromwich Albion 4-2 in the third round last season. If they win their first round match at Windsor and Eton, the Surrey club will entertain either Yeovil or Walsall.

Having expunged the memory of defeat by Woking in beating Marlow 6-0 on Saturday, West Bromwich Albion have the chance to avenge their defeat at Leyton Orient in the fourth round in 1986, when they lost as a first division club to fourth division opponents.

Chesterfield plan to lodge a protest with the FA over the refereeing of Jim Parker, from Preston, who sent off three of their players in a 2-1 defeat at Darlington on Saturday. Darlington, who meet Hartlepool United in a north east derby, may join the protest — they had five players booked.

FA CUP

SECOND-ROUND DRAW

Carlisle United or Crewe Alexandra v Chester City, Gretna or Rochdale v Huddersfield Town, Wrexham v Stoke City or Telford United, Burnley or Doncaster Rovers v Scunthorpe United or Rotherham United, York City v Tranmere Rovers, Darlington v Hartlepool United, Bolton Wanderers v Bradford City; Mansfield Town or Preston North End v Witton Albion or Halifax Town; Blackpool v Hull City; Wigan Athletic v Stockport County; Aylesbury United v Atherstone United or Hereford United, Leyton Orient v West Bromwich Albion; Peterborough United v Slough Town or Reading, Enfield v Barnet; Windsor and Eton or Woking v Yeovil Town or Walsall, Colchester United or Exeter City v Swansea City; Hayes v Crawley Town, Maidstone United v Kettering Town or Wycombe Wanderers; Torquay United v Halesowen Town or Farnborough Town, Bournemouth v Brentford or Gillingham

Ties to be played on Saturday, December 7

Regis makes way for young pair

By Chris Moore

CYRILLE Regis, who is proving perhaps the most inspired signing of the season, temporarily steps out of the spotlight tonight when Aston Villa take on Nottingham Forest in the regional quarter-finals of the Zenith Data Systems Cup at Villa Park.

Regis hands over the No. 9 shirt to Dalian Atkinson, Villa's record £1.5 million signing from Real Sociedad. But Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, last night said that Regis was merely being rested and was likely to be back for Sunday's match with Leeds United.

"Cyrille has done everything I could have asked of him, and more," Atkinson said of the former England forward, aged 33, a free transfer from Coventry City. "He's been a real fly in the ointment this season as far as our other strikers are concerned. But playing Atkinson and Ian Olney together up front is something I've been looking forward to because they're both exciting young players."

Also on parade tonight could be Stefan Beinlich, Villa's young German forward, who has been recovering from a back injury. He has earned a place on the bench with five goals in six reserve-team outings. Villa paid the East Berlin club, Bergmann Borsig, a combined fee of just £200,000 for Beinlich and Matthias Breitkreutz, a midfield player, aged 20, who arrives in Birmingham next week.

Forest keep the side that beat Coventry 1-0 last weekend, with Lee Glover again preferred to Nigel Clough.

Neil Warnock, the Notts County manager, said yesterday he had turned down two offers of more than £1 million for Tommy Johnson, the England Under-21 winger. "He is only 20 and in another year or so is going to be a tremendous asset to this club," Warnock said.

☐ South Wales Police yesterday gave the go-ahead for tonight's Autoglass Trophy match between Swansea and Cardiff. Chief Constable Robert Lawrence met with local authority officials after police made 39 arrests after Saturday's FA Cup first-round tie between the two teams.

IN BRIEF

Indians routed in Perth

A NEARLY full-strength Indian batting side was skittled for 64 in 31.5 overs by Western Australia at Perth to lose a one-day match by nine wickets, their second successive defeat on tour.

Terry Alderman caused the early damage, taking three for 11 in his 10 overs, and Moody mopped up the tail. Western Australia needed 13 overs to reach their target.

INDIANS

R J Shastri b Alderman	4
K Srikkanth c Zoehrer b Alderman	0
S V Manjrekar c Alderman b Julian	9
D B Vengsarkar b Alderman	7
S R Tendulkar c Zoehrer b Julian	4
Kapil Dev c Langer b Moody	2
M Prabhakar c Zoehrer b McCague	9
†K S More c and b McCague	11
J Srinath b Moody	0
S Banerjee c Lavender b Moody	0
N Hirwani not out	3
Extras (lb 6, w 7, nb 2)	15
Total (31.5 overs)	64

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-12, 3-19, 4-29, 5-32, 6-36, 7-38, 8-56, 9-61.

BOWLING: Reid 4-1-6-0; Alderman 10-3-11-3; Julian 6-0-17-2; McCague 6-0-16-2; Moody 5.5-2-8-3.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh c Kapil Dev b Srinath	21
M R J Veletta not out	30
T M Moody not out	9
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	5
Total (1 wkt, 13 overs)	65

FALL OF WICKET: 1-36.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 4-0-14-0; Prabhakar 1-0-16-0; Srinath 5-0-21-1; Banerjee 3-0-11-0.

Slip-up at Selby

Cyclo-cross: Competitors, including the winner, Rob Dane, the Worksop professional, critised the organisation of the 10.5-mile event at Selby. Dane exploited a mix-up to beat 103 other riders.

RESULT: 1, R Dane (Isostar), 1hr 7min 00sec; 2, C Young (Scott-MBK), at 1min 20sec; 3, S Douce (Dawes), at 1:30.

Britain stay put

Bobsleighing: Britain's two teams consolidated their standings in the top ten after the second World Cup race in Winterberg, Germany.

Adrian Quist

Tennis: The former Wimbledon and US doubles champion, Adrian Quist, of Australia, has died, aged 78, from cancer in Sydney.

King's shock

Real tennis: Kevin King, the British professional, caused the upset of the tournament when he beat the favourite, Hugh Latham, while qualifying for next week's George Wimpey British Open. ☐ Fiona Macintosh won the George Wimpey British women's handicap championship at Holyport with an 8-5 victory over Caroline Dixon.

New skips

Bowls: Lee Miller, of March, Kirk Smith, of Maidenhead, Neil Bowden, of Lincoln and Nicky Jones, of Bournemouth, have been introduced as skips in the England under-25 team to play the Welsh juniors on January 19.

TEAM. Rink 1: D Morgan (East Dorset), S Cooper (Essex County), G Sanders (Teignbridge), G Harlow (Ely). Rink 2: K Cousins (Five Rivers), R Bewick (Sunderland), P Maynard (Essex County), S Arey (Cumbria). Rink 3: S Leader (St Neots), S Stevens (Exonia), P Hayes (March GER), L Miller (March GER). Rink 4: A Hatto (Wey Valley), D Hayne (Bodmin), L Pull (East Dorset), K Smith (Desborough, Maidenhead). Rink 5: S Utting (Browston Hall), C Walford (Stoke Mandeville), C Messer (Cambridge Chesterton), N Bowden (Lincoln). Rink 6: N Cammack (Boston), I Walker, (Kingsthorpe), R Vinter (Boston), N Jones (East Dorset). Reserves: S Farish (Cumbria), G Hatherall (Westlecot, Swindon), G Shadwell (Clarne Dunbar, Somerset).

Title on the line

Andy Holligan, of Liverpool, will meet the former champion, Tony McKenzie, of Leicester, in the first defence of his British boxing light-welterweight crown. At light-heavyweight, Crawford Ashley, from Leeds, must make the first defence of his British title against Jimmy Peters, from Southampton, and the unbeaten London cruiserweight, Derek Angol, has been ordered to defend his British title against Carl Thompson, from Manchester.

Clarke's appeal

The Great Britain Under-21 captain, Phil Clarke, will appear before the Rugby League's disciplinary committee on Thursday in an attempt to escape suspension for being sent off at Salford last week for an alleged tripping offence.

Milan silence the sceptics

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL by Peter Robinson

THE end of an era at AC Milan was all but a foregone conclusion before the season began. The club had parted company with its inspirational manager, Arrigo Saachi, and begun a rebuilding programme, looking for new overseas players to replace Gullit, Rijkaard and van Basten. The twice-crowned European champions were to go into decline.

Some decline. Milan are back at the top of the Italian league and on Sunday proved a point to last season's champions, **Sampdoria**, with an emphatic 2-0 victory in Genoa. Both goals were scored by Gullit, and both were created by van Basten. The epitaphs are on hold, for the time being at least.

Sampdoria did succeed in holding Milan for over an hour, but Gullit made the most of a mistimed lunge by Pagliuca, the new Italian international goalkeeper, to head home his first goal on 65 minutes, and then steered home a van Basten cross five minutes later.

Behind the Milanese lie another of Italy's traditional giants, **Juventus**, who claimed second place with a turbulent 1-0 win in the Turin derby against **Torino**. Casiraghi headed them into a tenth-minute lead, and six minutes later Torino were reduced to ten men when Bruno was sent off. It took a phalanx of players and club officials to shepherd the furious full back from the pitch. A second Torino player, Policarno, later joined him in the dressing-room after kicking Casiraghi.

Meanwhile, further south, in **Bari**, life is still gloomy for David Platt. The Englishman scored with a fierce volley against **Lazio** on Sunday, but again his team lost, at home, 2-1 to remain stranded at the bottom of the league.

In Spain, the spotlight was, for once, on **Tenerife**. In an astonishing game at **Atlético Madrid**, the Argentine forward, Pizzi, was booked after just seconds — a record — and his countryman, Dertycia, was sent off for abusing an Atlético player even though Dertycia was only a substitute and had not come on to the pitch.

The German league was overshadowed by the death of Maurice Banach, the **Cologne** midfield player, in a car crash on Sunday morning. Banach, aged 24, was considered one of the country's most promising players.

Ferguson relishes Super Cup task

MANCHESTER United's return to the European stage this evening may be lacking in real significance, but the quality of the opposition should at least guarantee that the occasion will be useful in terms of gauging the advancement, or the lack of it, of English football over the past 18 months (Ian Ross writes).

The European Super Cup, the traditional meeting of the European champions and the holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, brings to Old Trafford Red Star Belgrade, a team of undoubted pedigree but one which is often prone to submerge a natural, almost instinctive, gift for entertaining beneath a cloak of self doubt.

The Super Cup usually embraces two legs, but the political unrest within Yugoslavia is such that Red Star did not feel inclined to insist upon the more familiar format.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is anxious to reward the club's supporters with a prestigious victory. "If we can defeat one of the best teams in Europe it will be a real boost for us," he said.

Ferguson will be without Robson, who is suspended, and Parker, who is injured. Giggs will be rested. Ince and Kanchelskis will play.

Crystal Palace could be without Lee Sinnott, Andy Gray and Andy Thorn because of injury for their Rumbelows Cup third-round replay against Birmingham City at Selhurst Park tonight.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final: First leg: BCC Lions (Nigeria) 3, Power Dynamos (Zam) 2.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Independiente 2, Huracán 0; Boca Juniors 1, Rosario Central 1; Unión 0, Racing Club 1; Quilmés 1, Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 1; Platense 0, Belgrano (Córdoba) 0; Argentinos Juniors 1, Velez Sarsfield 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Talleres (Cordoba) 0, Deportivo Español 0; Estudiantes de la Plata 3, Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 0; Newell's Old Boys 0, River Plate 1. Leading positions: 1, River Plate, played 11, 21pts; 2, Boca Juniors, 12, 16; 3, Talleres (Córdoba), 11, 15.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Admira Wacker 3, Austria Wien 0; Sturm Graz 1, DSV Alpine 0; Vorwärts Steyr 4, VSE St Polten 0; Kremser Sr. 0, Stahl Linz 6; Rapid Wien 1, Austria Salzburg 0; First Vienna 1, Swarovski Tirol 2. Leading positions (after 20 matches): 1, Austria Salzburg, 30pts; 2, Austria Wien, 29; Swarovski Tirol, 25.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers 1, Drogheda United 1, Derry City 0, Bohemians 1; Dundalk 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Galway United 1, Cork City 2; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Sligo Rovers 1. Leading positions: 1, Shelbourne, pl 12, 19pts; 2, Derry City, 13, 19; 3, Dundalk, 13, 18.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: Rio de Janeiro: Second phase: Flummense 2, Botafogo (Rio de Janeiro) 2; Americano 1, Goytacaz 0; Itaperuna 0, Vasco da Gama 3; Campo Grande 1, America (Tres Rios) 1. Leading positions (first phase points carried over): 1, Botafogo, played 8, 30pts; 2, Flamengo, 7, 29; 3, Vasco da Gama, 7, 25 *(First phase winners, second phase winners and team with the most points over the two phases combined qualify for the final play-offs)* São Paulo: Semi-finals: Group one: Corinthians 2, Portuguesa 0; Santo Andre 3, Internacional (São Paulo) 1. Group two: Guarani 2, São Paulo 2; Botafogo (São Paulo) 1, Palmeiras 4. Leading positions (after three matches, first phase points carried over): Group one: 1, Corinthians, 38; 2, Portuguesa, 34; 3, Santo Andre, 34. Group two: 1, São Paulo, 47; 2, Palmeiras, 35; 3, Guarani, 33 *(Group winners meet in final)*

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Dukla Prague 1, Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 3; Spartak Hradec Kralove 0, TJ Vitkovice 3; Slovan Bratislava 3, Union Cheb 0; Bohemians Prague 1, Spartak Trnava 1; Dukla Banska Bystrica 0, Slavia Prague 1; Sigma Olomouc 3, Inter Bratislava 0; Banik Ostrava 2, DAC Dunajska Streda 1; Tatran Presov 1, Sparta Prague 0. Leading positions (after 13 matches): 1, Slovan Bratislava, 24pts; 2, Sigma Olomouc, 22; 3, Slavia Prague, 20.

DANISH LEAGUE: Lyngby 3, Vejle 1; AaB Aalborg 2, Silkeborg 3; AGF Aarhus 4, BK 1903 Copenhagen 1; Brondby 1, Frem Copenhagen 1; OB Odense 0, Naestved 6. Final leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Brondby, 24pts; 2, Lyngby, 23; 3, BK 1903 Copenhagen, 21. *Brondby champions, Vejle and OB Odense relegated*

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 2, Ajax 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 14, 24pts; 2, Feyenoord, 16, 24; 3, Ajax, 14, 20.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 3, Lyons 0; Le Havre 3, Montpellier 1, Lens 0, Lille 0; Metz 4, Toulon 1; Nantes 1, Cannes 0; Sochaux 2, Nancy 2; St Etienne 3, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Toulouse 2, Rennes 0; Nimes 0, Caen 1. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Marseilles, 28pts; 2, Monaco, 24; 3, Caen, 23.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Werder Bremen 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Wattenscheid 1, VfB Stuttgart 3; MSV Duisburg 1, Bayern Munich 1; Dynamo Dresden 0, VfL Bochum 0; Schalke 04 3, Cologne 0; Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Kaiserslautern 0; Hansa Rostock 1, Hamburg 2; Karlsruhe 1, Nuremberg 0; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Borussia Dortmund 2; Stuttgarter Kickers 3, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0. Leading positions: 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, played 18, 23pts; 2, VfB Stuttgart, 18, 22; 3, Kaiserslautern, 18, 22.

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: MTK-VM 3, Vaci Izzo MTE 1; Rabi Gyori Eto 2, BVSC Mavtranssped 1; UTE 1, Vasas Budapest 0; Videoton Waltham 2, Haladas 0; Kispest-Honved 1, Zalaegerszeg 1; Veszprem 1, Siofok 0; Pecsi Munkas 1, Ferencvaros 0; Tatabanya 0, Diosgyor 0. Leading positions (13 matches): 1, Vaci Izzo MTE, 17pts; 2, Kispest-Honved, 17; 3, Siofok, 17.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 1 Florentina 0; Bari 1 Lazio 2; Cagliari 0 Parma 0; Cremonese 0 Foggia 2; Inter Milan 2 Ascoli 1; AS Roma 1 Naples 1; Sampdoria 0 AC Milan 2; Verona 2 Genoa 1; Juventus 1 Torino 0. Leading positions: 1, AC Milan, played 9, 16 points; 2, Juventus, 10, 15; 3, Foggia, 10, 13.

POLISH LEAGUE: Olimpia Poznan 2, LKS Lodz 0; Legia Warsaw 1, Motor Lublin 0; Ruch Chorzow 1, Pegrotour Debica 0; Widzew Lodz 2, Lech Poznan 2; Wisla Krakow 2, Zaglebie Lubin 1; Slask Wroclaw 3, Hutnik Krakow 2; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0, GKS Katowice 0; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2, Stal Mielec 0; Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Gornik Zabrze 0. Leading positions (after 16 matches): 1, Lech Poznan, 23pts; 2, Zawisza Bydgoszcz, 21; 3, Widzew Lodz, 20.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Salgueiros 0, Vitoria Guimarães 1. Leading positions: 1, Vitoria Guimarães, played 11, 18pts; 2, Benfica, 11, 16; 3, Porto, 10, 15.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Albacete 2, Logroñés 0; Burgos 0, Real Madrid 2; Mallorca 0, Sporting Gijón 1; Español 1, Sevilla 1; Zaragoza 2, Valladolid 0; Oviedo 2, Cádiz 1; Atlético Madrid 1, Tenerife 0; Osasuna 0, Valencia 1; Sociedad 2, Athletic Bilbao 0; La Coruña 0, Barcelona. Leading positions (after ten matches): 1, Real Madrid, 19pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 16; 3, Sporting Gijón, 14.

SWISS LEAGUE: Aarau 0, Servette 1; Grasshopper Zurich 2, Young Boys 1; Lausanne 2, Wettingen 0; Sion 2, Lucerne 2; Neuchâtel Xamax 3, Lugano 0. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Lausanne, 29pts; 2, Grasshopper Zurich, 25; 3, Sion, 23.

TURKISH LEAGUE: Fenerbahce 2, Besiktas 2; Ankaragucu 3, Genclerbirligi 3; Adanademirspor 3, Boluspor 1; Bursaspor 2, Samsunspor 0; Aydinspor 2, Gaziantepspor 2; Konyaspor 1, Sariyer 0; Bakirkoyspor 1, Altay 1; Galatasaray 1, Trabzonspor 1. Leading positions (after ten matches): 1, Besiktas, 26pts; 2, Fenerbahce, 25; 3, Galatasaray, 23.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Pelister Bitolj 3, Velez Mostar 0; Proleter Zrenjanin 2, Sutjeska Niksic 1; Sloboda Tuzla 1, Sarajevo 0; Buducnost Titograd 3, Rad Belgrade 0; OFK Belgrade 0, Partizan Belgrade 6; Vardar Skopje 1, Vojvodina Novi Sad 0; Zemun 3, Borac Banja Luka 1; Red Star Belgrade 6, Spartak Subotica 1; Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 3, Radnicki Nis 1. Leading positions (after 14 matches): 1, Partizan, 21; 2, Red Star, 20; 3, Zemun, 17.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: St Patrick's Athletic 1, Sligo Rovers 1; Galway Utd 1, Cork City 2.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Millwall 1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago Bears 31, Indianapolis Colts 17; Denver Broncos 24, Kansas City Chiefs 20; Minnesota Vikings 35, Green Bay Packers 21; Washington Redskins 41, Pittsburgh Steelers 14; Atlanta Falcons 43, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 7; Philadelphia Eagles 17, Cincinnati Bengals 10; New York Jets 28, New England Patriots 21; Detroit Lions 21, Los Angeles Rams 10; Los Angeles Raiders 31, Seattle Seahawks 7; New York Giants 22, Dallas Cowboys 9; San Diego Chargers 24, New Orleans Saints 21; San Francisco 49ers 14, Phoenix Cardinals 10.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	9	1	0	301	211
New York Jets	6	5	0	231	206
Miami Dolphins	5	5	0	180	207
New England Patriots	3	8	0	156	223
Indianapolis Colts	1	10	0	106	261
Central division					
Houston Oilers	8	2	0	298	168
Cleveland Browns	4	7	0	211	232
Pittsburgh Steelers	4	7	0	216	259
Cincinnati Bengals	1	10	0	170	312
West division					
Denver Broncos	8	3	0	216	179
Kansas City Chiefs	7	4	0	227	160
Los Angeles Raiders	7	4	0	203	192
Seattle Seahawks	5	6	0	199	173
San Diego Chargers	3	8	0	195	242

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
* Washington Redskins	11	0	0	361	139
Dallas Cowboys	6	5	0	219	225
New York Giants	6	5	0	181	183
Philadelphia Eagles	6	5	0	182	163
Phoenix Cardinals	4	8	0	148	239
Central division					
Chicago Bears	9	2	0	212	172
Detroit Lions	7	4	0	217	224
Minnesota Vikings	6	6	0	234	207
Green Bay Packers	2	9	0	171	213
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2	9	0	130	255
West division					
New Orleans Saints	9	2	0	229	124
Atlanta Falcons	6	5	0	219	229
San Francisco 49ers	5	6	0	218	155
Los Angeles Rams	3	8	0	181	256

* clinched play-off place.
☐ Does not include last night's game: Buffalo at Miami.

ATHLETICS

TOKYO: Women's marathon: 1, M Tanigawa (Japan), 2hr 31min 27sec; 2, V Egorova (USSR), 2:31:52; 3, L Klochko (USSR), 2:32:28. BRAMPTON TO CARLISLE RACE (10 miles): Men: C Thackery (Hallamshire), 46min 29sec. Team: Gateshead. Women: S Catford (Leeds City), 55.30.

WEIGHTLIFTING

PERTH: Australian championship: 60k: Clean and jerk: M Stephen (Aus), 153k (Commonwealth record). Overall: 1, Stephen, 267.5k.

BADMINTON

ACCRINGTON: Reebok Lancashire Open: Finals: Singles: Men: M Smith (Hants) bt P Shepherd (Hants), 15-4, 15-7. Women: J Bradbury (Oxon) bt A Humby (Hants), 11-6, 11-8. Doubles: Men: N Cottrill (Cheshire) and J Quinn (Northumberland) bt M Adams and R Outterside (Yorkshire), 15-3, 15-12. Women: A Humby (Hants) and J Wright (Sussex) bt J Davies (Lincs) and T Groves (Sussex), 17-18, 15-3, 18-16. Mixed doubles: A Goode (Herts) and J Davies (Lincs) bt C Hunt (Lancs) and K Chapman (Sussex), 15-12, 15-4. HONG KONG OPEN: Finals: Singles: Men: L Jun (China) bt W Wenkai (China), 15-10, 15-10. Women: H Hua (China) bt T Jiu-hong (China), 12-10, 9-12, 12-9. Doubles: Men: L Sang-bok and S Jin-hwan (S Kor) bt Z Yumin and H Zhanzhong (China), 7-15, 15-8, 15-11. Women: H Hye-young and G Young-ah (S Kor) bt S Eun-jung and C Myeong-hee (S Kor), 15-10, 15-4. Mixed doubles: L Sang-bok and S Eun-jung (S Kor) bt S Jin-hwan and G Young-ah (S Kor), 17-15, 15-1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Seattle SuperSonics 101, Minnesota Timberwolves 91; Los Angeles Lakers 111, Atlanta Hawks 89

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami Heat	5	2	.714	—
Philadelphia 76ers	6	3	.667	—
Orlando Magic	5	3	.625	½
Boston Celtics	5	5	.500	1½
New York Knicks	4	4	.500	1½
Washington Bullets	4	6	.400	2½
New Jersey Nets	1	7	.125	4½
Central division				
Chicago Bulls	7	2	.778	—
Atlanta Hawks	5	4	.556	2
Detroit Pistons	5	4	.556	2
Cleveland Cavaliers	4	4	.500	2½
Milwaukee Bucks	4	6	.400	3½
Indiana Pacers	3	7	.300	4½
Charlotte Hornets	2	8	.200	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	6	1	.857	—
Houston Rockets	6	2	.750	½
Denver Nuggets	4	3	.571	2
Utah Jazz	5	4	.556	2
Dallas Mavericks	3	6	.333	4
Minnesota Timberwolves	1	7	.125	5½
Pacific division				
Golden State Warriors	7	2	.778	—
Seattle SuperSonics	5	3	.625	1½
Los Angeles Lakers	5	3	.625	1½
Portland Trail Blazers	5	4	.556	2
Los Angeles Clippers	5	5	.500	2½
Sacramento Kings	3	6	.333	4
Phoenix Suns	3	7	.300	4½

BOBSLEIGH

WINTERBERG, Germany: Two-man World Cup: Final standings: 1, G Weder and D Acklin (Switz), 1min 52.71sec (56.33, 56.38); 2, R Lochner and M Zimmermann (Ger), 1:52.82; 3, W Hoppe and R Hannemann (Ger), 1:53.20; 5, M Tout and L Paul (GB), 1:53.51. 8, N Phipps and D Armstrong (GB), 1:53.71

BOXING

SYDNEY: World amateur championship: Preliminary rounds: Welter (67kg): S Scroggens (Aus) bt W Walsh (Ire), pts. Middle (75kg). R Garbey (Cuba) bt D Galvin (Ire), rsc 3rd rd. Flyweight (51 kg). P Ingle (Eng) bt V Neyman (Isr), pts. Featherweight (57 kg) P Griffin (Ire) bt J Irwin (Eng), pts. Bantamweight (54 kg): E Carrion (Cub) bt W McCullough (Ire), pts.

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: Final: M Seles (Yug) bt J Capriati (US), 7-5, 6-1. ATP RANKINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,515 points; 2, J Courier (US), 3,205; 3, B Becker (Ger), 2,822; 4, M Stich (Ger), 2,675; 5, I Lendl (Czech), 2,565; 6, P Sampras (US), 2,492; 7, G Forget (Fr), 2,392; 8, K Novacek (Czech), 1,593; 9, P Korda (Czech), 1,550; 10, A Agassi (US), 1,519. Money winners: 1, Sampras, $1,783,413 dollars: 2, Courier, $1,748,171; 3, Edberg, $1,713,575; 4, Stich, $1,217,636; 5, Becker, $1,218,568; 6, Forget, $1,072,252; 7, Lendl, $1,038,983; 8, Agassi, $705,611; 9, E Sanchez (Sp), $672,071; 10, Novacek, $647,540.

SPEED SKATING

INZELL, Germany: International meeting: Winners: Men: 500m: D Johnson (US), 37.45sec. 1,500m: B Wanek (US) 1,000m: T Kuroiwa (Japan), 1:17.46. 5,000m: K Sato (Japan), 7:15.69. Women: 500m: B Blair (US), 43.51. 1,500m: G Niemann (Ger), 2:10.90. 1,000m: Sun Hee Yoo (S Kor), 1:28.56. 3,000m: L Prokasheva (USSR), 4:49.64.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 13, Scottish Students 19

CRICKET

SOUTH AFRICAN CASTLE CUP (third day of four): Johannesburg: Transvaal 143 and 192 (N Wright 86), Northern Transvaal 200 and 137-3 (P Barnard 57 not out). Northern Transvaal won by seven wickets. Durban: Natal 238-9 dec (M Logan 68). Eastern Province 352-5 (V Mchau 130, M Venter 118). Bloemfontein: Orange Free State 464-7 dec (C van Zyl 119, R Steyn 109) and 17-0. Border 250 (A Lawson 117 not out, B Osborne 83, F Stephenson 5-40) and 227 (A Emslie 62no, O Henry 5-56). Orange Free State won by ten wickets. SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 514-8 dec (D Jones 214, W Phillips 121), South Australia 244 and 246 (A Hilditch 50; M Hughes 4-32, P Reiffel 4-54). Victoria won by an innings and 24 runs. Brisbane: New South Wales 119 and 185-7 (M Waugh 60, M Taylor 57) Queensland 268 (M Hayden 64, M Whitney 4-91) and 84-0. Queensland won by ten wickets.

CYCLING

BORDEAUX: Six-day race (after fifth night): 1, P Lino (Fr) and P Pieters (Neth), 207 points; 2, P Bincoletto and S Marinello (It) 171; 3, G Duclos-Lassalle and L Biondi (Fr), 148; 4, F Moreau (Fr) and S Tourne (Bel), 82, one lap behind; 5, P Louviot and M Meilleur (Fr), 105, 2; 6, P Terantini and V Lavenu (Fr), 82, 2; 7, J Dauwe and L Lapage (Bel), 109, 3; 8, J Veggerby (Den) and P Carrera (Fr), 84, 3; 9, P Ruiz-Cabestany and A Olano (Sp), 75, 3; 10, S Wallace (GB) and J Lammerts (Neth), 62, 4.

HOCKEY

TYPHOO NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	4	4	0	0	7	2	12
Ealing	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
Sutton Coldfield	4	3	0	1	18	3	9
Chelmsford	4	2	1	1	9	3	7
Hightown	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Slough	3	2	0	1	12	1	6
Ipswich	4	1	3	0	6	3	6
Doncaster	4	2	0	2	7	5	6
Wimbledon	4	1	0	3	2	16	3
Yate	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Clifton	4	0	0	4	2	13	0
Sherwood	4	0	0	4	1	21	0

CANOEING

EXE DESCENT MARATHON: Senior men's K1: 1, S Dark (Worcester), 2hr 3min 6sec; 2, A Brewster (Nottingham), 2:04:20; 3, J Butler (Nottingham), 2:08:47. Senior men's K2: 2, M Swallow and A Tordoff (Chester), 1hr 45min 45sec; 2, I Timbrell and D Pendle (Exeter and Norwich Canoe Club), 1.46.00; 3, M Smith and J Elliott (RNKA and Reading and Leyton Park), 1.49.57. RIVER DEE, Llangollen: British Student Championships: Men: K1: 1, N Gatland (Birmingham), 11mins 37secs; 2, W Smith (Cambridge), 11.46; 3, T Hughes (Oxford), 12.22. Men C1: 1, R Pomfrey (Sheffield), 13.43; 2, S Twigger (Nottingham), 14.04; 3, A Hall (Leeds), 15.14. Men C2: 1, Hall and D Knight (Leeds), 13.27; 2, Twigger and D Freeman (Nottingham), 13.32; 3, A Mardle and Gatland (Birmingham), 13.49. Woman K1: 1, T Parsons (Nottingham), 13.04; 2, M Kitchen (Nottingham), 13.36; 3, B Thomas (Cambridge), 14.09. Overall Results: 1, Nottingham University, 987.5pts; 2, Leeds 832.4; 3, Cambridge 525.7.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Winnipeg Jets 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Hartford Whalers 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Chicago Blackhawks 5, St Louis Blues 1

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division	W	L	D	Pts
Washington Capitals	15	4	0	30
New York Rangers	12	8	1	25
New Jersey Devils	11	9	0	22
Pittsburgh Penguins	8	8	3	19
Philadelphia Flyers	8	9	1	17
New York Islanders	6	10	2	14
Adams division				
Montreal Canadiens	14	6	2	30
Hartford Whalers	9	7	3	21
Boston Bruins	7	7	4	18
Buffalo Sabres	7	9	2	16
Quebec Nordiques	3	14	1	7

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Blackhawks	10	7	5	25
Detroit Red Wings	11	8	2	24
St Louis Blues	8	8	5	21
Minnesota North Stars	8	9	1	17
Toronto Maple Leafs	5	14	3	13
Smythe division				
Vancouver Canucks	14	4	3	31
Winnipeg Jets	9	8	4	22
Calgary Flames	9	8	3	21
Los Angeles Kings	8	7	5	21
Edmonton Oilers	7	11	3	17
San Jose Sharks	3	17	1	7

CHANDIGARH, India: Women: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup: Semi-finals: Soviet Union 5, China 1; South Korea 2, India 1.

JUDO

PIEKSAMAKI, Finland: European junior championships: British results: Men: Bantamweight (under 60k): J Davies (Wiltshire), bronze. Feather (under 65k): M Ruff (Worcestershire), gold. Middle (under 86k): K Davies (London), bronze. Women: Feather (under 48k): D Allan (Camberley), bronze. Light (under 56k): N Evans (Birmingham), bronze. Middle (under 66k): K Howey (Hampshire), gold.

LUGE

ALTENBERG, Germany: World Cup: First day results: Men's singles: 1, M Prock (Austria), 1min 49.02sec; 2, D Kennedy (US), 1:49.32; 3, A Huber (It), 1.49.39. World Cup standings: 1, Prock, 35pts; 2, Kennedy 32; 3, Huber, 30.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Peak Revs Rally (Shropshire): 1, G Byard (Ford Escort), 3min 27sec; 2, M Sheil (VW Golf), 3.33; 3, R Hicks (Ford Escort) 4.38. Wheelspin Stages (Devon): 1, A Orchard (Sierra Cosworth), 33.16; 2, M Oates (MG Metro 6R4), 35.15; 3, T Ferris (Talbot Samba), 35.23. Torque BAC Rally (Lincolnshire): 1, M Donovan (Ford Escort), 1hr 51min 54sec; 2, P Hoyle (Ford Escort), 1:53:34; 3, M Moore (Darrian), 1.54.03.

ORIENTEERING

LEEDS: British schools championships: Winners: Tertiary College: York Sixth Form College. Large Secondary Schools: Walton High School, Staffordshire. Small Secondary Schools: Kings Wood School, Bath. Primary: Jesse Gray, Nottingham. Senior Champions: Girls: M Smith, Easingwold School, York (6.5km) 54min 27sec. Boys: M Walles, Tomlinscote School, Frimley (6.8km) 42.38.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce Public School Old Boys' Rackets Doubles championship. Semi-finals: Eton I (W Boone and M Hue Williams) bt Malvern I (M and P Nichols) 15-7, 15-2, 15-8, 15-7. Tonbridge I (A Spurling and R Owen-Browne) bt Harrow I (J Prenn and C Hue Williams). 15-12, 15-4, 15-9, 11-15, 13-15, 15-7. Final: Eton I bt Tonbridge I, 15-5 17-14 15-9 15-8. Schools match: Eton bt Marlborough, 4-0

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: George Wimpey British Open qualifying tournament: Second round: K King bt H Latham, 6-3, 6-1; K Ludekens bt A Kurley (Aus), 6-5, 5-6, 6-5; J Ward bt S Brockenshaw, 6-4, 6-4; M Howard bt R Kraznaric, 6-3, 5-6, 6-3; T Warburg bt I Snell, 6-1, 6-2; S Shenkman bt M Eadie, 6-4, 6-0; A Oliver bt M Ryan, 6-4, 5-6, 6-1; B Clive bt S Barker, 5-6, 6-2, 6-0. Qualifying round: King bt Ludekens, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Howard bt J Ward, 6-2, 6-3; Warburg bt Schenkman, 6-1, 6-4; Oliver bt Clive, 6-4, 6-3. HOLYPORT: George Wimpey British Open women's handicap: Semi-finals: F Macintosh bt D Sledentool, 6-3; C Dixon bt L Barnfield, 6-3. Final: Macintosh bt Dixon, 6-5. LEAMINGTON: Conrad Construction doubles championship: Semi-finals: Prince N Galitzine and Dr P Seymour-Mead bt J Snow and J Campion, 6-4; D Allsop and G Broom bt R Allsop and B Hayward, 6-5. Final: Prince N Galitzine and Seymour-Mead bt Allsop and Broom, 6-4

SKI JUMPING

ROVANIEMI, Finland: 70m competition: 1, R Laakkonen (Fin), 215.5pts; 2, M Martinsson (Swe), 210.5; 3, M Nykanen (Fin), 209.8

VOLLEYBALL

OSAKA: Women's World Cup: Final round: Cuba 3, Peru 1; Soviet Union 1, China 3; United States 3, South Korea 0. *Cuba champions.* Lower position play-offs: Japan 2, Germany 3; Brazil 3, Canada 0; Spain 3, Kenya 0.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: UK Open: Fourth round (England unless stated): J White bt B Oliver, 9-4; J Parrott bt B Jones, 9-5; D Martin bt J Virgo, 9-7; D Henry (Scot) leads D Fowler, 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) leads P Browne (Rep of Ire), 6-2; W Thorne leads T Wilson, 6-2; D Taylor (NI) leads R Williams, 5-3; D McDonnell bt S Francisco (SA), 6-8.

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TIM BISHOP

Taking up the Challenge: the skippers named by Chay Blyth to compete in next year's British Steel Challenge round the world yacht race (left to right): Richard Tudor, aged 32, sailmaker, from Pwllheli; Paul Jeffes, 38, boatyard manager, from the Clyde; Adrian Donavan, 33, charter boat skipper, from Plymouth; Michael Golding, 31, fireman, from Slough; Vivien Cherry, 32, engineering manager, from Wokingham; Alec Honey, 48, from Littlehampton, who heads the AA's continental emergency centre at Boulogne; Pete Goss, 29, former Royal Marine commando, from Torpoint, Cornwall; John Chittenden, 51, master mariner, from London; Will Sutherland, 46, management training instructor, from Scaynes Hill, Sussex; and Ian MacGillivray, 35, boatbuilder, from Southampton.

Skippers selected for sea challenge

By Barry Pickthall

A FIREMAN, two boatbuilders, a former Royal Marine commando and a female environmental engineer are among ten intrepid sailors named by Chay Blyth yesterday to skipper the ten identical yachts in next year's British Steel Challenge round the world race.

For Vivien Cherry, an environmental engineer, who beat 160 applicants to the job, the eight-month race is "the ultimate sail". A veteran of the Fastnet and two-person Round Britain races, the Australian Three Peaks event, together with the OSTAR and Two-Star transatlantic marathons, Cherry said: "It's a fantastic challenge and I can't wait to get started."

Ranged against her, however, are some well-known and experienced yachtsmen, including John Chittenden, who skippered the British cruising maxi, Creightons Naturally, in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World race, and Pete Goss, a transatlantic race class winner who has spent the past six months training the crews for the challenge ahead.

Michael Golding, a fireman, is another circumnavigator who also has four transatlantic races to his credit.

The lesser-known figures proved themselves aboard the first of Blyth's identical 67ft steel yachts, British Steel Challenge, during a round Britain cruise earlier this year. "We were looking not just for sailing ability but leadership qualities," he said.

Adrian Donovan, like Chittenden, has served his time in the merchant navy. He has also competed in the two-handed transatlantic race and was the winning skipper of this year's Trans-Arc race.

The crew of 120 have each paid £15,000 to compete in the race. The skippers take over their yachts on April 2, leaving them six months to mould their crews before the race starts from Southampton on September 25.

Clubs attempt to alter Scottish League structure

By Roddy Forsyth

THE Scottish premier division, which was enlarged to 12 teams only this season, may be reconstituted yet again next year if radical proposals by the leading clubs are accepted by the other League members.

An eight-page discussion document, which was presented to the Scottish League management committee yesterday, suggests such innovations as a month-long winter break and the division of the premier and first divisions in mid-season.

The discussion paper is primarily the work of Rangers and Aberdeen, although both clubs were at pains yesterday to stress that they had consulted with a number of other clubs. They hope that by the time formal proposals are put before the League, perhaps at the end of the season, they will have the support of all premier division clubs and at least half of those in the first division.

It is proposed that in mid-season, after each premier division club has completed 22 games, the top eight teams separate from the rest to play for the title and the European club competition places. The bottom four clubs would join the top four in the first division to begin a fresh series of games, which would decide the four teams to make up the premier division dozen for the following season. The scheme is similar to the league structure of a number of European countries, such as Switzerland and Austria.

The first half of the season would conclude on January 1 and would be followed by a four-week winter break. The second stage would get under way with the third round of the Scottish Cup. The break would affect only the top 16 clubs. The rest of the first division and all of the second division would continue playing, with the pools promoters' money divided amongst them.

League fixtures for premier division clubs would thus be reduced from 44 games to 36, with 34 played on Saturdays. International matches would be played either on free Saturdays or on Wednesdays after free Saturdays.

Reserve and youth-team football would be restructured, with premier division youth-team players being farmed out to second division clubs on a quota basis. The league season would begin and finish a week earlier.

Plan to host 1996 European football finals takes shape

Grounds for optimism over England's bid

By Stuart Jones
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the four venues in which England plans to stage the finals of the European championships in 1996 have been determined. The Football Association will learn next week that the grounds to be used are Old Trafford and Villa Park, as well as Wembley, naturally the main arena.

A site in the North-East is needed to complete the geographical spread, but a suitable all-seat stadium which must be capable of accommodating at least 30,000 spectators has not yet been found there. Those still under consideration are Roker Park, Sunderland, and St James' Park, Newcastle, as well as Elland Road, the Yorkshire home of Leeds United.

Ayresome Park was the North-East's representative during the World Cup finals in 1966 but, although Middlesbrough are in contention for promotion to the Premier League, their ground has yet to be adequately developed. Should all three of the alternatives also fail to meet the requirements, the organisers would reluctantly look elsewhere.

Merseyside (either Anfield or Goodison Park) or North London (Highbury or White Hart Lane) are the alternative locations included in the proposals designed by Glen Kirton, the head of external affairs at the FA. The details are to be submitted to the governing body before the end of next week.

"I think it would show a lack of courtesy to discuss the plans before they have been seen by Uefa," Kirton said yesterday. "However, it is fair to say that we are hopeful that we can bring the biggest football occasion to England since 1966."

The bid, submitted at the end of last year, was reinforced during the summer when, on the advice of Uefa, the European football union, plans to host the World Cup in 1998 were dropped. The diplomatic withdrawal, leaving France as the strong favourites for the global tournament, allowed Kirton to concentrate his energies on the European championship.

The project is on a more manageable scale. Whereas Italy had either to refurbish or to rebuild a dozen arenas in order to hold the last World Cup, for instance, Sweden has had to redecorate only four, in Gothenburg, Malmö, Norrköping and Stockholm, for the European finals next summer.

England's bid is regarded as more competitive than either of the other contenders, Spain, the host of the 1982 World Cup, and The Netherlands. It is perhaps significant that Wembley has already gained the approval of Uefa as the venue of the European Cup final on May 20. Official confirmation is to be announced next month.

Wembley has not been used for such an occasion for 13 years, since Liverpool became champions by beating Bruges 1-0. It will be the focal point of the tournament in 1996 if, as expected, Uefa decides next year to award England the event.

England, qualifying automatically as the hosts, would play all of their games there. To maximise the income, the biggest stadium in the country would also be used for both of the semi-finals, as well as the final itself.

☐ FA officials will back last year's World Cup supporter strategy to try to ensure a trouble-free championships in Sweden involving English and Scottish supporters. David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said: "We are planning an identical process and will have meetings with the host nation and the clubs drawn in our group."

Uefa decides against action

By Stuart Jones

THE German Federation will not be punished for the violence which preceded the nation's European championship qualifying tie in Belgium on Wednesday night.

Although 799 German supporters were arrested in Brussels, a spokesman for the European football union (Uefa) confirmed yesterday that no action will be taken because the incidents did not occur at the stadium.

"That is a problem for the Belgian police, not for the federation or Uefa," the spokesman said. Since an official warning had been issued to the Germans earlier in the competition after their tie in Luxembourg was similarly marred, their manager feared that a severe penalty might be imposed.

"The worst thing that could happen to us," Bertie Vogts said, "would be to be suspended like the English clubs, for many years." The Germans, who won 1-0, are almost certain to qualify for the finals. They require only a draw at home to Luxembourg on December 17 to overtake the group leaders, Wales.

Before the game, shops in Brussels were ransacked and mounted police charged rioters. Troublemakers, armed with knives, tear gas and baseball bats, attacked Belgians and Arabs in the city centre and the railway station. Police confirmed that many offenders wore Nazi insignia.

There was no trouble during the match and 6,000 other supporters returned home without incident. Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, congratulated the Belgians for their security arrangements and predicted that hooliganism, once known as the English disease, will be eradicated within a dozen years.

"The troublemakers are being held on a tighter and tighter leash," he said. "It is no longer possible for one man to be responsible for several hundred games in Europe." He was referring to the former Uefa secretary, Hans Bangerter, who was found guilty of negligence after the Heysel tragedy in 1985.

Lineker in land of rising yen

As Japan prepares for professional football, **Joanna Pitman**, in Nagoya, sees pitfalls awaiting the Englishman in the leading role.

Having been scooped up on one of corporate Japan's famous brand-name shopping sprees, Gary Lineker is going to be working hard to teach Japan what football is all about. In February 1993, he begins a two-year contract as the "superplayer figurehead" of Grampus Eight, a Nagoya-based club in Japan's first professional football league.

While less charitable critics have charged that the "Eight" is the result of Japanese confusion between football and rowing team numbers, it is clear that to most Japanese, the word "football" means American football and the British version, distinguished by its Japanese name, "sakkaa", will slot in somewhere between volleyball and curling.

It appears that even Lineker's proposed teammates will be new to the game. He is likely to spend his first few months explaining the rules to pimply adolescents, who will join Grampus Eight next year, having been brought up on a daily diet of baseball and sumo wrestling.

Playing alongside Lineker, and the raw recruits, will be members of Japan's amateur football teams, people like the deputy section chief of the Toyota domestic windscreen wipers accounts division, who slogs away at a desk for more than 70 hours a week, and kicks a football around on Sundays to keep his heart ticking over.

But, however infuriating his sort may be on the pitch for worldly professionals, the Toyota element is all-important. It is Toyota (with assets of £38 billion), Tokai Bank (with assets of £162 billion) and 18 other companies from the Nagoya region that are providing the league with funding of one billion yen, and will lay down many more billions to lure the World Cup in 2002.

The sponsoring companies are taking a long-term view on their returns, as the average Japanese football game draws a crowd of 4,000. What they are after, in the short term, however, is marketing. Like the leading players of the Nippon Hams baseball team, who munch, presumably for large fees, strings of sausages on prime-time television to advertise their sponsor, it will not be long before Japanese viewers are treated to the sight of a grinning Gary Lineker extolling the virtues of Toyota's latest sporty model.

Before he can do that, he will have to put in several thousand hours boning up on his Japanese which, at present is, according to his non-English speaking director, Narumi Nishigaki, "only a tiny little words".

But, memorising 2,000 Japanese characters and learning how to swallow raw sea urchin and pickles for the early-morning team breakfast is going to be the easy part. For if Lineker thought his spell in Japan would earn him a respite from the arduous English League schedule, he was mistaken. The Japanese play an 11-month season with a minimum of 50 matches. Then, he gets his first few days off, a decadent four-week break, three times the annual holiday of most Japanese professionals.

Leisure is still something of an alien concept in Japan. Baseball, one of the few professional sports in the country, has turned into a revolving door for the scores of Americans attracted by lucrative contracts who soon find that they cannot take the exhausting year-round training schedules and the strict enforcement of the concept of suppression of individualism to cultivate team spirit.

Grampus Eight will not, however, be likely to let go of their biggest potential draw. Hiraki says that Grampus will do their utmost to make Lineker and his family comfortable.

But, apart from devoted students of the ugliest side of the Japanese economic miracle, there are not many foreigners to be found in Nagoya, where the Lineker family will live. This is one of Japan's most conservative and concrete-ridden industrial cities. The Linekers will be living in a house looking out on the central highway interchange, which is one of Nagoya's most celebrated features.

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Botham may be considering a move to S Africa

From Andrew Longmore in Johannesburg

IAN Botham may play in South Africa next year. Botham, who is on a speaking tour of the country with Fred Trueman and Dickie Bird, is believed to have had talks with the Currie Cup champions, Western Province, with a view to joining them at the end of next summer.

Western Province officials would not confirm the approach, but the timing would fit in well with the England all-rounder, who will start a new county career with Durham next season after helping Worcestershire to two county championship titles.

Botham: still a big draw

Botham, who was a vociferous critic of apartheid, has turned down lucrative offers in the past to tour South Africa with unofficial England teams. But now that the Republic has been welcomed back into international cricket, Botham could be the first of many England players to compete in South Africa's provincial competitions in the next few years.

Botham, who will be 36 on Sunday, would still be a big capture for a country desperate to attract players of international experience, particularly as he resurrected his England career in the last Test against the West Indies at the Oval in the summer.

Botham needs to play one Test in New Zealand in the new year to reach 100 caps, though his appearance in England colours will be delayed by a starring role in the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* in Bournemouth. His last spell overseas, however, was not a great success. He was dismissed by Queensland in 1988 after barely one season.

England sweep past Australia

From Richard Eaton in Barcelona

THE England women's table tennis team scored a 3-0 victory over Australia here in the World Team Cup yesterday, which put them third in their group and pleased their captain, Jill Parker. Victories against North Korea and Hungary had never been likely, but to finish so well against such an improved side was an encouraging sign.

Australia's improvement is greatly due to the introduction in their team recently of two players from Canton, Gina Hui, whose patience Lisa Lomas, the England No. 1, gradually eroded to beat 21-17, 21-9, and Kwok Ying, whose attack was not quite so good as the counter-attack of Andrea Holt, who won 21-17, 21-19.

Holt: won well

Kerri Tepper, the former Australian No. 1, held three match points in the last match, but met stern resistence from Fiona Elliot, who won 14-21, 21-16, 23-21.

The men produced one of their finest performances the night before, coming within two points of beating the world champions, Sweden.

Carl Prean managed a career-best performance, beating the world champion, Jorgen Persson, and the Olympic bronze medalist, Erik Lindh, leaving England needing only to beat the United States, to reach the quarter-finals.

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France seek Villepreux

FRANCE, without a national coach since the resignation of Daniel Dubroca after the World Cup, have approached Pierre Villepreux, the former Toulouse coach (Peter Bills writes).

Jean-Fabre, who will replace Albert Ferrasse as president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) on December 14, has asked Villepreux to be the new senior coach.

Fabre, a former president of the Toulouse club, intends to put together the coaching duo which won Toulouse the French club championship three times in four years. That would mean bringing back Villepreux from Italy, where he is coaching Treviso, and reuniting him with Jean-Claude Skrela, his successor as Toulouse chief coach.

The French have long admired the combination of Villepreux's creativity and Skrela's fitness work. However, Villepreux's two-year contract with the Italian club began in August. He said from Italy yesterday: "Of course, I would like to do the job with France. But I am not sure whether Treviso would let me go."

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